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INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER

The material for this volume was obtained from the original manuscript records in the office of the Secretary of State, Division of the Land Office, at Albany, New York, and from the Manuscript Division of the New York State Library, also at Albany.

Photostatic copies were made under the direction of the proper custodians of the official records, and these copies are now in the archives of the Secretary of State of Vermont, at Montpelier. They cover all official records of non-military land grants made by New York which lay within the territory of the present state of Vermont, with the exception of three or four very small tracts. These official land records were engrossed from the original patents themselves as is attested by the certificate of the Deputy Secretary of the Council which follows each patent's record. Any erasure or error appearing in the original patent itself at the time of the engrossing of the official record, or in the engrossed record itself, is noted and certified to by the Deputy Secretary of the Council, but these certificates have been omitted in the preparation of, and do not appear in the copy for this volume, except in the case of the Princetown patent.

These documents have been arranged in strict chronological order, and footnotes indicate the volumes in the *New York Colonial Manuscripts, Indorsed Land Papers,* in the Manuscript Division of the New York State Library, in which the original documents referred to are to be found; unless otherwise noted, all volume references are to this series of *Indorsed Land Papers.* The notation regarding the location of each grant is approximate, only. Until a correct map of the patents shall have been made and correlated with a similarly sized map of Vermont, no accurate statement can be made in this respect, save in the case of the confirmatory patents, which covered townships granted by New Hampshire whose bounds were fixed.

The fact that many petitions for land in this area were granted by the New York Colonial Council which did not reach "the passing of the seals" is borne out by an inspection of the Council records, as well as the series of *Indorsed Land Papers,* which include these petitions. It is apparent that the petitioners were often unable or unwilling to fulfill all the requisite conditions to obtain an actual patent, and it is quite probable that there were patents awaiting official recording early in 1776, at the time the Colonial government ceased to function relative to land matters.

It is nearly two hundred years since Benning Wentworth, on January 3, 1750, as governor of the Colony of New Hampshire, granted the township of Bennington to William Williams and sixty-two asso-

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ciates under the authority previously conferred upon him by King George II.

In November 1749, before issuing the Bennington charter, Governor Wentworth wrote Governor George Clinton of New York, appraising him of his intention, under his instructions from the King to make grants of land within his government, transmitting therewith a copy of the New Hampshire bounds as stated in his Royal Commission, dated July 3, 1741, informing Clinton of a survey made at his, Wentworth's order, and asking to be advised as to the distance east of the Hudson River claimed by New York as its eastern boundary [Documentary History of New York, IV, 531].

Not until April 1750, did the New York Council take action on this letter, when the statement was made that the Province of New York was "bounded Eastward by Connecticut River. The Letters Patent from King Charles II to his brother James, Duke of York, [later King James II] expressly granting all the lands from the West side of Connecticut River to the East side of Deleware Bay" [Doc. Hist. IV, 533; New York Colonial Manuscripts, 76, 97-98; Calendar Council Minutes, 1668-1783]. Governor Clinton transmitted this information on April 9, to which Governor Wentworth replied on April 25, asking upon what authority Connecticut and Massachusetts Bay had claimed so far westward as they had settled, and stating he would desist from making further grants that would interfere with the New York government [Doc. Hist. IV, 533-4].

To this Governor Clinton replied on June 6, giving the status of the New York-Massachusetts, Connecticut boundaries, with the information that part at least of the lands within the Bennington grant had already been granted by New York [Schneyder and Walloomschack patents], and he requested that the Bennington grant by Wentworth be recalled [Doc. Hist. IV, 534-5].

On June 22, Wentworth wrote Clinton that he thought it proper not to commence a dispute respecting the extent of the western boundary of New Hampshire until His Majesty's pleasure should be further known, and that on the part of New Hampshire, he proposed to make a Representation of the matter to His Majesty and expected Governor Clinton to do the same [Doc. Hist IV, 535-6].

On July 25 Clinton replied approving the plan and proposing that an exchange of a copy of the Representation of each Province be made; to this proposal Governor Wentworth agreed on September 2 [Doc. Hist. IV, 536-7]. On March 23, 1750/1, Governor Wentworth made his Representation to the Board of Trade without, however, sending a copy to New York [Doc. Hist. IV, 548-9].

Thereafter, between January 1750 and January 1760, at the close of the French and Indian War, Governor Wentworth is found to have issued sixteen charters, all save three of which, namely, Bennington, Woodford and Stamford, lay east of the Green Mountains and west of Connecticut River. After the close of the war, however, township

charters were issued as follows: Pownal in 1760; sixty-three townships in 1761, thirty-five of which lay west of the Green Mountains; nine townships in 1762, five of which were west of the mountains; thirty-seven townships in 1763, twenty-three being west of the mountains; in February and June 1764, he granted Corinth, Hubbardton and Dunbar (which latter covered the same territory as his former grant of Sudbury, and was therefore void) making a total of one hundred twenty-eight township charters. And finally, in addition to these, he granted six military charters of two thousand and three thousand acres each, between July 6 and October 17, 1764 [*Compiled from New Hampshire State Papers, XXIX, Grants of Vermont Territory by the Government of New Hampshire*].

In the meantime, the leading politicians and citizens of New York became disturbed by the intrusion of these township grants and of settlers on this theretofore ignored northeasterly portion of their Province as bounded by the grant to the Duke of York (which grant was the basis upon which the Province of New York had been erected), and aggravated by the presence in their immediate vicinity of agents of Governor Wentworth offering for sale townships six miles square at an extremely low rate. As a result, Lieutenant Governor Colden of New York, issued a Proclamation on December 28, 1763, warning New York citizens against purchasing these lands under titles derived from the government of New Hampshire, commanding all civil officers to exercise jurisdiction as far as the west bank of the Connecticut River and enjoining the High Sheriff of Albany County to make a return of all persons who held possession of land west of the Connecticut River under grants of New Hampshire, so that legal action could be taken against them [Doc. Hist. IV, 558-560]. On January 20 and February 8, 1764, Lieutenant Governor Colden of New York forwarded to the Board of Trade in London, carefully prepared statements regarding the boundary dispute between the two provinces, setting out the circumstances under which Connecticut and Massachusetts had been allowed to extend their western boundaries to within twenty miles of the Hudson River, and calling attention to the larger revenue to the Crown from New York quit-rents. New Hampshire quit-rents being at the rate of one shilling sterling per one hundred acres, while in New York the rate was two shillings six pence [Doc. Hist. IV, 560-569].

On March 13, 1764, Governor Wentworth issued a counter-Proclamation in which he asserted that the jurisdicton of New Hampshire extended as far west as any grants made by him, and in which he assured the grantees under the New Hampshire charters that the title to their lands would be confirmed [Doc. Hist. IV, 570-572]. A copy of this Proclamation was forwarded to the Board of Trade in London by New York's Lieutenant Governor Colden on April 12, with a letter which again set forth the urgency for a speedy determination of the jurisdictional boundary between the two provinces [Doc. Hist IV, 572-574; N. Y. Col. Mss. VII, 616], to which the Lords of Trade replied

under date of July 13, 1764, in part, as follows: "Your representation concerning the disputes with New Hampshire about the Boundary Line and the conduct of the Governor of that Province in surveying and granting lands to the westward of Connecticut River, appears to us to be in every light a matter of great importance, as well in respect to His Majesty's honor and interest, as to the peace and welfare of his subjects; and therefore we have made a full Representation to his Majesty upon it, and as the reasons you assign for making Connecticut River the Boundary Line between the two Provinces appear to us to have great weight, we have adopted and recommended that Proposition [N. Y. Col. Mss. VII, 642]. The Representation of the Lords of Trade to the King above referred to is found in the British Public Record Office, C. O., 5/942, fols. 284-301. A copy appears in Appendix A of *Vermont in the Making,* by Matt B. Jones. This Representation contains the statement that "on March 5 [1764] Governor Wentworth wrote to the British Board of Trade that 'he had since the Peace, made Surveys and encouraged Settlements to the westward of Connecticut River' although at the same time he omitted to inform us either what quantity of land had been surveyed, or upon what Conditions it had been granted." [British Public Record Office, C. O. 5/928, Doc. 15, in N. H. Bundle].

Thus stood the land controversy between New Hampshire and New York when the Order in Council issued at the Court of St. James on July 20, 1764, fixed the boundary at "the Western banks of the River Connecticut, from where it enters the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, as far North as the forty fifth Degree of Northern Latitude, to be the Boundary Line between the said two Provinces", and admonished the governors and commanders in chief of the two Provinces to govern themselves accordingly [Doc. Hist. IV, 574]. On this date, with the exception of three very old patents,—Renssalaerwick (1685), Hoosack (1688) and Wallomschack (1739), and the later Schneyder grant, called Mapleton (1762) no non-military township grants had been made by New York in this territory.

From May 21, 1765 to January 12, 1776, one hundred one patents were issued by the government of New York; and one additional township granted to Frederick Rhinelander early in 1776, said to have been a confirmation of the New Hampshire charter for the township of Underhill, the official record of which is incomplete. Also, in 1786, Isle La Motte was granted to Bass Chard and others, it being a patent issued by the State of New York as bounty land to the patentees, who had done military service for the state during the Revolution. Of these, seventy three were township grants, eighteen were in confirmation of New Hampshire charters, and five were granted as compensation for losses sustained through a re-grant of lands formerly granted to these patentees. Of the thirty remaining grants, not designated as townships, nine were mandamus, ordered to be granted by the Court of St. James.

The procedure under which Crown Lands were granted did not vary much in any of the British colonies in America. Upon the appointment of a Royal Governor of a colony, he received a Commission from the government, and upon his departure from England to take up his duties, he was issued voluminous Instructions, giving in detail the manner in which he was expected to carry out his assignment. Upon his arrival, his Commission was usually published and read in the presence of his colonial council, but the Instructions were secret and for his own use and guidance. Instructions relating to Trade were separate from the General Instructions. But few of the original Instructions have been preserved or printed, although all were recorded in the British Public Record Office. [*List of Governor's Commissions,* Andrews, in *Annual Report of the American Historical Association* for 1911, pp. 393-529]. The Instructions given to Governors Benning and John Wentworth of New Hampshire, are among the few which are available in this country, they having been printed in *The Laws of New Hampshire,* Bachellor, Vols. II and III. For a very complete collation of these Royal Instructions covering all the different interests of the American Colonies under British rule, see *Royal Instructions to British Colonial Governors, 1670-1776,* edited by Leonard Woods Labaree.

Governor Benning Wentworth was first commissioned governor of New Hampshire by King George II in 1741; upon the accession of King George III in 1760, a new commission and new instructions were issued. In all essentials these two commissions and instructions were identical. Seventeen townships were granted under the first commission. The townships were to consist of about twenty thousand acres, but not to exceed six miles square. No town was to be set out or granted until there should be fifty or more families ready to begin settlement; as soon as one hundred or more families were settled in a town, regular township privileges were to be granted; quit rents were fixed, and reservations made of pine trees fit for masts for the Royal Navy; terms of settlement included planting and cultivating at least three acres in every fifty acres granted, in five years from date, and to be continued at that rate under penalty of forfeiture of the grant and its reversion to the Crown; no grant of more than fifty acres was to be made for every man, woman and child in the grantee's family. There were ninety items in the second set of Instructions, the last of which required the governor on all occasions to forward to the Commissioners of Trade and Plantation, or in especial cases to one of the principal secretaries of the King's Council, a particular account of his proceedings and the condition of affairs of the colony. No important changes were made in these Instructions during Benning Wentworth's administration, but in 1774 an entirely new set of General Instructions relative to the granting of lands in the American colonies were issued,—but this was ten years after New Hampshire ceased to make grants in the territory between the Connecticut and Hudson Rivers, follow-

ing the Order in Council of July 20, 1764, fixing the boundary between the two colonies.

Printed copies of the Commissions and General Instructions of the various governors of the Province of New York are not available, but they did not vary much from those of the same period which were issued to New Hampshire and all other American colonies. [See Professor Labaree's *Royal Instructions to British Colonial Governors* referred to above]. During the period from 1752 up to the General Instructions of 1774, a number of records of special instructions for the New York governors have been located, including, in 1752, instructions relative to correspondence and reports to the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, which were superseded in 1766 by a slightly different rule. [Ibid. No. 1032, No. 1034]. In 1753 a general rule for granting land was sent to New York which was in force until 1774, [Ibid. No. 759] when the new General Instructions were issued. Among the conditions imposed by this rule of 1753, the prospective patentee was required to furnish sufficient proofs of his ability to cultivate and improve the grant by settling thereon in proportion to the quantity of acres, a sufficient number of white persons or negroes. A warrant was required to be drawn in each case directing the surveyor general to make an exact survey of the lands petitioned for and to return the warrant within six months, with a plot or description annexed; a docquet to be entered in the auditor's office, and upon return of the warrant by the surveyor, the grant to be made out in due form, expressing terms and conditions required by these instructions; it was required that these grants be registered within six months from their date in the secretary's office and a docquet also entered in the auditor's office, in default of which entry the grant to be void; copies of all such entries were required to be returned regularly to the Commissioners of the Treasury and to the Board of Trade and Plantation.

From 1753 to 1774, a ruling was made that the governor or commander in chief, the collector of customs, the secretary in force, and the surveyor general, or three of them, always including the surveyor general, were to set out all lands to be granted, regarding the profitable and unprofitable acres, so each grantee would have a proportionable number of one sort or the other; likewise, it was required that the length of each tract of land should not extend along the banks of any river but into the mainland, that each of the grantees might have a convenient share of what accommodation the river afforded [Ibid. No. 761]. From 1753 until the Revolution the rule required the governor personally to inspect the record books to ascertain the status of the grants of land, the quit rents, and to require the audit of such records [Ibid No. 843].

In 1769, additional instructions to Governor Moore of New York respecting the French Seigniories on Lake Champlain were issued, restraining the making of any grant of land along the eastern shore of the lake, north of Crown Point, until the petitions and proposals

for grants of such land had been transmitted to England in order to be laid before the Privy Council for approbation [N. Y. Col. Mss. VIII, 175]. Another instruction intended for Governor Moore but, following his death on December 4, 1769, issued to Lieutenant Governor Colden instead, ordered that no lands in the Champlain country be granted—this in addition to the last above mentioned instruction which seems to have been disobeyed [Labaree's *Royal Instructions,* No. 754].

In 1770 a definite instruction was sent to New York forbidding granting any land "lying on the western side of the River Connecticut within that district heretofore claimed by our Province of New Hampshire . . . that you do not . . . presume to make any grant whatever or to pass warrants for the survey of any part of the said lands, until our further will and pleasure be signified to you" [Ibid. No. 871].

The General Instructions of 1774 contained the following seven rules for procedure: *1st.* The governor, commander in chief with the advice and assistance of the lieutenant governor, surveyor general of the lands of the Northern District of America, the secretary and surveyor general of the Province, and the receiver general of quit-rents, or any three of them, shall cause actual surveys to be made of the part of the province not already disposed of, to be laid out into lots of not less than one hundred acres or more than one thousand acres. *2nd,* When the survey is made, a map with the lots marked and numbered shall be hung in the secretary's office and a duplicate in the treasurer's office. *3d,* A time and place then to be appointed for the disposal of the land to the highest bidder, giving at least four months' notice of the sale; and proceed to sell the same. *4th,* The governor with the advice and assistance as aforesaid, to fix the price per acre of the lots at not less than six-pence per acre. *5th,* The printed advertisement containing notice of sale to be full and explicit in details of terms and description. *6th,* Highest bidder to be the purchaser, and on payment shall receive a bill of sale which will entitle him to a grant in fee simple by letters patent, etc. *7th,* Fees paid by the purchasers to be such as are allowed by law, nor may any officer take any other or greater fee. No person to make any grant of land under any other conditions except to commissioned officers and soldiers entitled to grants under the Proclamation of October 7, 1763, and in all future surveys of lands to be granted, allowance to be made for public uses. The governor to make a full and particular report to the principal secretaries of the state of all proceedings relating thereto, etc. [Ibid. No. 765; N. Y. Col. Mss. VIII, 412].

Judging by the phraseology and style of the patents issued after 1774, it would appear that these new Instructions were never applied in the Vermont area; probably the contingencies of war rendered it impossible to put them into operation before the Colonial government ceased to grant lands, early in 1776.

In addition to the formal instructions, a voluminous correspondence grew up between the New York governors and the Lords of Trade

and secretaries of the King's Council, and continued almost constantly from the time of the adjudication of the New York boundary in 1764 until the outbreak of the Revolution, when land matters ceased to occupy the attention of the British officials both at home and in the colonies. Some of these communications were Orders from the King in Council, bearing direct commands regarding land matters—others were letters from the secretaries to the governors advising the latter the attitude of the Council and occasionally transmitting direct commands as to procedure. There are many letters from the governors in reply to these secretarial communications in explanation and often in extenuation of their conduct of affairs which had been criticized by the Council or complained of to that body by the land claimants by way of petitions, etc. Again there are important Orders of the Governor and Council of New York to the Surveyor General and to the petitioners and claimants regarding the necessary procedure in prosecuting their claims.

Of outstanding interest among this accumulation of historical regulations are the "Representations" of the Lords of Trade to the Privy Council which were in reality a summing up of the facts which had been gathered not only from the reports of the governors under their instructions, but from such other outside sources as had been available. These "Representations" and Orders in Council indicate a very sincere desire on the part of the British government to administer the affairs of the colonies wisely, fairly and honorably. The handicaps of distance, slow communications and transportation which prevailed at that time, and often the lack of a clear understanding of the actual conditions in such a vast unsettled tract of wilderness sometimes led to a miscarriage of the intentions of the home office, and human nature being what it is, the colonial representatives of the Crown occasionally took advantage of the opportunities which lay before them, and granted lands in opposition to their instructions. [Doc. His. IV, 574-919; N. Y. Col. Mss. VII, 562-950; VIII, *passim.*].

On July 25, 1767, an ambiguously expressed Order of the King in Council was issued (based upon consideration of petitions from the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and of Samuel Robinson of Bennington in behalf of over a thousand grantees under certain grants issued by New Hampshire) in which the Governor or Commander in Chief of New York was strictly charged not to make any grant whatever of any part of the lands described in said report until His Majesty's further pleasure should be known. [Doc. His. IV, 609-610]. The construction of the Governor and Council of New York upon this order, under date of October 20, 1769, reads as follows: "On Reading and due Consideration Whereof his Honor the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to require the opinion the Council, whether his Majesty's said order extended to restrain the Granting of any Lands formerly claimed by New Hampshire, but which have not been granted by that Government: the Council there-

upon declared they were of opinion his Majesty's said order prohibited only the granting of such of the said Lands as have actually been granted by the Government of New Hampshire, and does not extend to any part of the said Lands which have not been granted by that Government". [Doc. His. IV, 611].

The land patents issued by New York governors covering lands now within Vermont, with four early and one late exception, were granted between the years 1765 and 1776. During this period, Sir Henry Moore, the Earl of Dunmore and William Tryon were regularly commissioned governors of the Colony or Province; the interims between their actual terms of service were filled by Cadwallader Colden, who had been commissioned as Lieutenant Governor on April 14, 1761, and served continuously in that office during the entire time covered by the issue of the New York patents covering Vermont, and until his death, in September 1776.

Following is a list of the grants made by each chief executive in order of their issue:

By *Lieutenant Governor Colden,* acting in absence of Governor Monckton and prior to the arrival of Sir Henry Moore, November 1761 to November 1765:
The Schneyder patent of Mapleton, Princetown and the Napier and Embury tracts.

By *Sir Henry Moore,* from November 1765 to his death in September 1769:
Chester, Brattleborough, Hertford, Putney, Adair tract, Beekman and Grand Island.

By *Lieutenant Governor Colden,* acting until the arrival of the Earl of Dunmore, September 1768 to October 1770:
Warren's Town, Camden, Royalton, Kempeton, Middlesex, Kent, Whitingham, Kingsland, Besborough, Charlotte, Readsborough, Moore Town, Gageborough, Kelso, Newbrook, Kingsborough, the Wallace tract, Hulton, Leyden, Dunmore, Virgin Hall, Hillsborough, the Abeel Tract, the Farquhar tract and Kersborough.

By *Governor Dunmore,* from October 1770 to July 1771:
St. Catherines, Benzel's two tracts, Cole's tract, Munro's tract, Chimney Point to Benzel, Socialborough, Monckton, St Clair's tract, Reid's tract, Fincastle, Halesborough, Montressor's tract, Deerfield, Morrisfield, Newry, Mecklenbergh, Richmond, Metcalfe's tract, Kilby, Leinster, Skenesborough, Prattsburgh, and McLure's tract, this last patent granted on the day he left, and said to have been made in his own interest.

By *Governor Tryon,* from July 1771 to April 1774:
Col. Howard's tract, Durham, Eugene, Corinth, Nicholl's tract, Truro, Penryn, Newbury, Windham, Westminster, Windsor, Norbury, Weathersfield, New Fane, Reading, Springfield, Nicoll's tract, Woodstock, Townshend, Cavendish, Saltash, Minto, VanVleck's tract, Lawrence's tract.

By *Lieutenant Governor Colden,* during Governor Tryon's absence in England, April 1774 to June 1775:
Kellybrook, the Governors of King's College, Samuel Avery's tract, Captain Harry Gordon's tract, Humphrey Avery's tract, New Rutland, Sidney, Wickham, St. George, Peter Gordon's tract, Bamf, Meath, Thirming, Thompson's tract, Ryegate and Smithfield.

By *Governor Tryon,* from June 1775 to the Revolution—July 4, 1776:
Stratton, Whippleborough, Topsham and Underhill.

Thus it will be seen that forty-five patents were issued by Lieutenant Governor Colden, seven by Governor Moore, twenty-three by Governor Dunmore and twenty-eight by Governor Tryon.

Of the ninety-two townships under New Hampshire charters which

had asked for a confirmation of their title by New York, only eighteen had "passed the seals" when the colonial government of New York ceased to issue land patents, at some time in 1776. The names of the townships whose petitions for confirmation are among the New York Land Papers, follow, with those which received confirmatory patents appearing in italics: Addison, Andover, Averill, Bloomfield (as Minehead), Brandon (as Neshobe), *Brattleboro,* Bridgewater, Bridport, Burlington, *Cavendish, Chester,* Clarendon, Colchester, *Corinth,* Danby, Dorset, Dummerston (as Fulham. Galway in the petition), Essex, Fairfax, Fairlee, Grafton (as Tomlinson), Guilford, Hartford, Hartland (as Hertford), Hubbardton, Huntington, Jericho, Leicester, Lemington, Lewis, Ludlow, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marlborough, Milton, *Newbury, New Fane,* Norwich, Orwell, Pawlet, Peacham, Peru (as Brumley), Pittsford, *Plymouth* (as Saltash), Pomfret, Putney, *Reading,* Rockingham, Rupert, Rutland, *Ryegate,* Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Sherburne, Shoreham, Shrewsbury, Somerset, *Springfield,* Stamford, Strafford, *Stratton,* Sudbury, Sunderland, Thetford, Tinmouth, *Topsham,* Tunbridge, *Underhill* (as Rhineland. This patent was never issued), Wallingford, *Weathersfield,* Wells, Westford, *Westminster,* Weybridge, Williston, Wilmington, *Windsor,* Winhall, Woodford, and *Woodstock.* In addition to the above, the names of the townships of Halifax, Barnet, Stockbridge, Bernard (Barnard), Sharon and Lunenberg appear in a list found in the Documentary History of New York, IV, 785-786, as having had confirmations granted by the Council, but for which patents had not been issued.

It is impossible to make an accurate statement as to the number of these patents which encroached upon the New Hampshire grants, because of the lack of an authentic map of the New York patents, especially in relation to the townships granted by New Hampshire. It is probable that in the vicinity of forty of the New York patents did so, in whole or in part. This figure does not include the large number of small military patents, ranging from fifty acres allotted to a private, to two thousand acres to certain officers, which for the most part covered a tract of land immediately bordering the eastern shore of Lake Champlain and to the southward of that body of water. Two large military patents, styled townships (Eugene and Chatham) lay within the present townships of Dorset, Pawlet and Rupert. (See map opposite p. 70, *James Duane, A Revolutionary Conservative,* Alexander).

In general these encroaching patents lay west of the Green Mountains—Colonel Howard's tract in Guilford and Vernon (which townships had originally been granted by Massachusetts and confirmed by New Hampshire), those parts of Kilby, Newbrook and Windham which covered Berlin, and parts of Townshend, Dover, Wardsborough, Somerset, Readsborough, Andover and Worcester appear to have been the only lands covered by New Hampshire charters, exclusive of the confirmatory patents, lying easterly of the main range of the Green Moun-

tains, which were granted under a New York patent. The following townships lying west of the Green Mountains, granted by New Hampshire, were also covered by New York patents, in whole or in part: Addison, Arlington, Bennington, Bolton, Brandon, Burlington, Castleton, Clarendon, Cornwall, Dorset, Fairfax, Fairfield, Ferrisburg, Highgate, Hubbardton, Jericho, Leicester, Middlebury, Manchester, Monkton, New Huntington (part of the present Richmond), Orwell, Pawlet, Panton, Pittsford, Poultney, Rupert, Rutland, Salisbury, Shaftsbury, Shoreham, Shrewsbury, Sunderland, Swanton, Wallingford, Wells, Weybridge, Whiting, Williston, and Woodford, while Stratton was the only New Hampshire township west of the Green Mountains to have been granted a confirmatory patent.

Throughout this entire period, from 1764 to 1776, and extending in a somewhat diminishing degree up to the actual admission of Vermont into the Federal Union in 1791, unrest and a more or less open rebellion against the New York claimants kept the absentee grantees as well as the actual settlers in a constant ferment—a species of "border warfare"—especially at first, in the western portion of the area, where conflicting titles and militant leadership added to the spirit of rebellion. Gradually the idea of independence from both New Hampshire and New York grew in the minds of some of the leaders, and as early as September 1775, a convention of fifty-six delegates from both the east and west sides of the Green Mountains met at Dorset with a view of ultimately establishing a separate government.

From this small beginning the independent government of Vermont evolved; its constitution was adopted on July 8, 1777. That this solution of the situation was not unanimous among the inhabitants, especially in the eastern and southeastern portion of the state, was manifested by the continued adherence of a considerable number of people in that vicinity to the jurisdiction of New York, both civil and military, which led to the Westminster Massacre (a contest between the jurisdiction of the courts of the two governments) as well as lesser disturbances.

With the progress of the Revolution, the defenseless situation of the new state became tense—the ease with which British forays could be carried through the country on their way to attack the American forces to the southward placed the leaders in a position where some method seemed necessary for the protection of their lives and property, and negotiations were tentatively entered into looking to the annexation of Vermont to the British government; at the same time, repeated efforts were made to seek admission to the Federal Union; this last attempt was opposed by New York and some of the other members of the Federation, and it was fourteen years after the organization of Vermont before it was admitted to the Union, upon certain conditions of settlement with New York being met. For this purpose commissioners were appointed by both New York and Vermont—Robert Yates, Robert R. Livingston, John Lansing, Jr., Gulian Verplanck, Simeon

DeWitt, Egbert Benson, Richard Sill and Melancton Smith on the part of New York, and Isaac Tichenor, Stephen R. Bradley, Nathaniel Chipman, Elijah Paine, Ira Allen, Stephen Jacob and Israel Smith in behalf of Vermont. The commissioners on the part of New York had delegated to them [by Chapter 18, of the Thirteenth Session. Laws of New York] the authority to declare, and did declare, the consent of their legislature to the admission of Vermont into the Union, and that immediately upon such admission all claims of jurisdiction on the part of New York within the State of Vermont should cease.

This joint commission fixed the perpetual boundary line between the two states and decreed that if the State of Vermont should agree to pay to the State of New York on or before June 1, 1794, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, all rights and titles to land within Vermont under grants from the government of the late Colony of New York, or from the State of New York, should cease. The legislature of Vermont acquiesced in this decision of the commissioners, and on October 28, 1790 passed an act directing the treasurer of the state to pay the sum of thirty thousand dollars to the State of New York; adopted the line proposed by the commissioners as the perpetual boundary between the two states; and declared all the grants, charters and patents of lands lying within the State of Vermont, made by the late Colony of New York, to be null and void.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Found among the early manuscript State Papers of Vermont, are many references to the grants of land made by the Colony of New York from the end of the French and Indian War up to the Declaration of Independence of the American colonies.

Upon the organization of the independent government of Vermont, these New York patents were repudiated, but they nevertheless form a part of the history of the land, and in many ways they affected its early settlement.

In order that a more complete and just understanding and evaluation of this era in the history of our state might be had, and that the records of those patents might be accessible, this volume has been prepared from photostats of the official records of the original patents in the state archives of New York.

It is the earnest hope of the editor that a perusal of these records may lead to a further and more complete study of this period—those years in which both New Hampshire and New York laid claim to the land which lay between the Connecticut and Hudson Rivers, the ultimate result of which controversy was the creation of the government of Vermont, and, after fourteen years of independent existence, of its fusion with the Federal government.

With the passing of two centuries and the gradual lessening of the floodtide of bitterness and local partizanship which warped the judgment of the actual participants in the contention, and with the collecting, preserving and making accessible of hundreds of the original documents covering all phases of the strife, the existence of many of which have hitherto been unknown to the layman or to many if not all of the early historians, the time seems to have arrived when a true and impartial account of this colorful and most human story of land hunger which filled the hearts of every American of that time, should be put together and given to the public.

The names of the men who were most prominently connected with the affair give assurance of its importance at the time, as both a national and international problem. The list includes the Kings of England and their Privy Councils and Boards of Trade, who gave of their time and thought to the matter of maintaining order and a just peace among their contentious colonists; such men as the Wentworth governors of New Hampshire, Benning and John, and their councillors; the New York governors, Moore, Dunmore, Tryon, Clinton and Lieutenant Governor Cadwallader Colden, together with such figures as John Jay, Alexander Hamilton, William Smith, James Duane and Goldsbrow Banyar; and those for the most part uneducated but natural born leaders of men, the Allens, Fays, Robinsons, Chittendens and many

other residents of the disputed territory, who by their persistent labors brought forth out of the conflict the new government of Vermont—when men like these match their wits, with their wealth bound up in the lands involved as the price, a battle royal could not but result. It merits a more complete and impartial recounting than it has ever been accorded.

In the labor of collecting the material for the present volume of State Papers, the editor acknowledges the unfailing assistance of Miss Edna L. Jacobsen, Head of the Manuscript and History Department of the New York State Library and her corps of assistants, who, with the personnel of the office of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Land Office, Department of State, placed at my disposal the pertinent original records and manuscripts in the state archives of New York. I am also indebted to the two State Historians of New York in office during the period of my research, Dr. Arthur Pound and Dr. Albert B. Corey, who, by their suggestions, helped greatly in the examination of records. To Mr. Henry Howard Eddy, then Archivist of the State of New York, I owe an especial debt for his assistance in many ways, particularly in calling to my attention, and often furnishing, source material for amplifying and checking my notes. To Miss Dorothy C. Barck, Librarian of the New York Historical Society of New York City, and Miss Becker, the Reference Librarian of that institution, I extend thanks for assistance in obtaining biographical notices of early New York residents. To Fletcher Plumley, Public Service Commissioner, and to Earle W. Newton, Director, and Miss Clara Follette, Librarian of the Vermont Historical Society, I owe much for their generous responses to my frequent requests for information and advice.

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HOSSICK—Hoosack*

[New York Land Patents, vol. 6, pp. 322-325]

Recorded for Maria Van Ransler
Hendrick Van Nesse &c the 28th:
July 1688.

THOMAS DONGAN Capt. Genll: & Governor, in Cheife in and over the Province of New Yorke and Territoryes Depending thereon in America under his most Sacred Majesty JAMES the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scottland France & Ireland Defendor of the faith &c: To all to whom these Presents shall come *Sendeth Greeting Whereas* Maria Van Ranslear[1] of Renslerswick in the County of Albany Widdow, Hendrick Van Nesse of the same Place Yeoman, Gerritt Tunissen of Kattskill in the same County Yeoman and Jacobus Van Cortland of the Citty of New Yorke Marchant by Virtue of my Lycence Consent and Approbacon have Purchased of & from the Indyans Naturall owners and Possessors of the same all that Tract of Land with itts Appurtennces Scituate Lyeing & being above Albany on both sides of a Certaine Creek Called Hossick beginning att the Bounds of Schackoock and from thence Extending to the said Creeke to a Certaine Fall Called Quequick and from the said Fall upwards along the Creek to a Certaine Place Called Nachawickquaak being in Breadth on each side of the said Creek two English Miles that is to say two English Miles on the one side of the said Creek & two English Miles on the other side of the said Creek the whole Breadth being fouer

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* The northeasterly portion of Hossick covered part of the present townships of Bennington and Pownal. This document is a confirmation of the Indian title by Letters Patent.

1. Maria Van Renselaer was the widow of Jeremias Van Renssalaer, who was "Director of the Colonie" for sixteen years from 1658.—*National Cyclopedia of American Biography, VII, p. 85.*

English Miles & is in Length from the Bounds off Schackoock aforesaid to the said Place Called Nachawickquaack *and whereas* the said Maria Van Ranslaer, Hendrick Van Nesse, Gerritt Tunissen & Jacobus Van Cortlandt have Requested me that I would on the behalfe of his Ma^tie^; Grant and Confirme[2] unto the said Maria Van Ranslaer, Hendrick Van Nesse, Gerritt Tunissen & Jacobus Van Cortlandt their Heirs and Assignes the before menconed Tract of Land & Premissess with the Appurtennce *Know Yee* that by Virtue of the Commission & Authority unto me Given by his most Sacred Ma^tie^ & Power in me being and Resideing in Consideracon of the Quitt Rent or Cheife Rent herein after Reserved & Divers other Good & Lawfull Consideracons me thereunto Especially moveing I have Given Granted & Confirmed & by these Presents Do hereby Give Grant & Confirme to the said Maria Van Ranslaer, Hendrick Van Nesse, Gerritt Tunissen & Jacobus Van Cortlandt their Heirs and Assignes for ever *All*[3] that the before Recited Tract of Land & Premissess with all & every the Appurtennces together w^th^: all & Singuler Lands Meadows Woods Moores Marshes Waters Lakes Rivers Rivoletts hunting hawking ffishing & fowling & all other Proffitts Advantages Hereditam^ts^: & Appurtennces to the said Tract of Land & Premissess belonging or in any wise Appurtaineing *to have & to hold* the said Tract of Land & Premissess with all and Singular the Hereditaments & Appurtences unto the said Maria Van Ranslaer, Hendrick Van Nesse, Garritt Tunissen & Jacobus V. Courtlandt their Heirs and Assignes to the only Proper use and behoofe of them the said Maria Van Ranslaer, Hendrick Van Nesse, Gerrett Tunissen & Jacobus V Cortlandt their Heirs and Assignes for ever *to be holden* of his most Sacred Majesty his Heirs & Successors in free and Common Soccage According to the tenure of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in his Ma^tis^. Kingdom of England *Yeilding* Rendring & Paying therefore unto his said Ma^tie^: his Heirs and Successors Yearly & every Yeare the Quantity of ten Bushells of Good Sweett Marchantable Winter Wheat to be Delivered att the Citty of Albany unto such Officer or Officers as shall from time to time be Empowred to Receive the same as a Quitt Rent in Liew Place & Stead of all Services Dutys & Demands whatsoever *in testimony* whereof I have Signed these Presents with my hand Writeing Caused the same to be Recorded in the Secretarys Office & the Seale of this his Ma^tis^: Province to be thereunto Affixed this Second Day of June in the fourth Yeare of his Ma^tis^ Reigne and in the Yeare of our Lord 1688

THO: DONGAN

May it Please your Excelly

The Attourney Gen^ll^: has Perused this Grant & finds nothing therein Prejudiciall to his Majestys Intrest—
Examd May 31: 1688

W. NICOLLS[4]

2. Vol. 2, p. 29, *New York Colonial Manuscripts, Indorsed Land Papers.*
3. N. Y. Colonial Council Minutes, vol. 5, p. 236.
4. William Nicolls was Attorney General of the Colony.

Att a Council held att ffortt *James* July the 28th. 1688

Present his Excellency. Major Antho Brockholls[5], Major Baxter, Major Phillips, Major Cortlandt, Coll[l]: Bayard, This Pattent was Approved off—.

GEO: BREWERTON.

WALLUMSCHACK*

[New York Land Patents, vol. 12, pp. 30-35]

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting *Whereas* our Loving Subjects Cornelius Van Ness, John Lindesay, Gerrardus Stuyvesant, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams and Frederick Morris by their humble [petition][1] presented on the twenty fifth day of August in the Year Seventeen hundred and thirty two To William Cosby Esq[r]: our late Governour and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York &c In Council Have Set forth that the Native Indians and Proprietors of Certain Lands in the County of Albany had by their Deed under their Hands and Seals bearing Date the twenty eighth day of January in the Year Seventeen hundred and thirty one Granted and Released unto us All that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing twelve thousand Acres of Land lying and being in the County of Albany on the East side of Hudsons River and further Bounded and Described as in & by the same Deed is more particularly mentioned and expressed, Wherefore the Petitioners prayed for our Letters Patent for the said twelve thousand Acres of Land under such Quit Rents Provisions and Restrictions as are Directed in our Commission and Instructions for that purpose which Petition having been then and there read and Considered of our Council of our said Province Did afterwards (to witt) on the same Day humbly Advise and Consent that our said late Gov[r]: should Grant the prayer thereof and whereas James DeLancey Esq[r]: our Chief Justice of our said Province and Edward Collins Gent by their Humble Pet[n]:[2] presented to our trusty and wellbeloved George Clarke Esq[r]: now our Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief of our said Province &c. In Council on the Seventeenth day of May Inst. have set forth that in the said Petition which was presented as aforesaid to our said late Governour the Name of John Lindesay was made use of therein in Trust for the said James DeLancey and the Name of Cornelius Van Ness

5. Major Brockholls was in command at New York during the absence of Governor Dongan.—Calendar of N. Y. Council Minutes, p. 6, footnote.

* Covered part of present Bennington.

1. Vol. 11, p. 44.

2. Vol. 13, p. 33.

in Trust for the said Edward Collins they therefore prayed that their own Names might be inserted instead of the said Names John Lindesay and Cornelius Van Ness in the Patent to be Granted of the said Tract of twelve thousand Acres of Land which Petition being then and there Read and Considered of our Council of our said Province Did afterwards on the same Day humbly Advise and Consent that our said Governour should grant the prayer thereof In pursuance whereof and in obedience to our Royal Instructions for that purpose our said Governour and also Archibald Kennedy Esq[r]. Receiver General for our said Province and Cadwallader Colden Esq[r]: Surveyor General for the same Province (three of the Commissioners appointed by our Royal Instructions for the Setting out of all Lands to be Granted within our said Province) Have Sett out for them the said Edward Collins, James DeLancey, Gerardus Stuyvesant, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams, and Frederick Morris *All*[3] that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Called Wallumschack Scituate lying and being in the County of Albany to the Eastward of a Place Called Hoseck, begining at a Certain marked Tree which is one hundred and forty seven Chains distant from the late Dwelling House of Garret Cornelius Van Ness measured on a Line Running South Seventy five Degrees East from the Southeast Corner of the said House to the said Tree and runing from the said marked Tree North thirteen Degrees thirty Minutes West Ninety Chains and forty Links then North forty Degrees and fifteen Minutes East two hundred and twenty Chains then North Seventy seven Degrees East Ninety Chains then South thirty one Degrees and forty Minutes East, Six hundred and four Chains then South Sixty five Degrees West Ninety two Chains then North forty four Degrees thirty Minutes West one hundred and fifty Chains then North Seventy five Degrees West one hundred and twenty nine Chains then North twenty Degrees West one hundred and forty six Chains then South Sixty Degrees West one hundred and forty six Chains then South Sixty Degrees West one hundred and Seventy three Chains and then North four Degrees West Seventy six Chains to the place where this Tract of Land first began Containing twelve thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways And in Setting out thereof our said Comm[rs]; had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract or Parcell of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than

3. No return of survey was located, but a map made by John R. Bleeker in 1766 may be found in vol. 17, p. 400; also a map covering Hoosick, p. 19 ante, Wallomschack and Snyder's Patent, p. 25, post, is listed in the Catalogue of Maps and Surveys issued by the office of the Secretary of State of New York in 1859, as No. 205 in the Comptroller's Office.

On April 7, 1731, John Avory, Cornelius van Ness, John Lyndesay, Gerardus Stuyvesant, Stephen van Rensselaer and Frederick Morris filed a petition for license to purchase Indian land on the east side of Hudson's River, which petition was granted.—Calendar of Council Minutes, pp. 311-312.

is Conformable to our Royal Instructions for that purpose as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the Nineteenth day of May Inst and entered on Record in our Secretarys office in our City of New York may more fully appear which said Tract or Parcel of Land set out as aforesaid According to our Royal Instructions we being willing to Grant to the said Edward Collins, James DeLancey, Gerrardus Stuyvesant, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams, and Frederick Morris their Heirs and Assignes *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace Certain Knowledge & meer motion *We* have Given Granted Ratifyed and Confirmed and *Doe* by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors Give Grant Ratifye and Confirm unto the said Edward Collins, James DeLancey, Gerrardus Stuyvesant, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams and Frederick Morris their Heirs and Assignes for ever *All* the said Tract or Parcel of Land so set out bounded mentioned and Described and so Scituate lying being and Containing as is above Expressed Concerning the same together with all and Singular the Woods Trees Timbers Feedings Pastures Meadows Marshes Swamps Ways Waters Water Courses Rivers Brooks Rivulets Runs and Streams of Water fishings fowlings hunting and hawking Mines and Minerals of all Sorts whatsoever (Except Gold Mines and Silver Mines) which now are Standing Growing lying being or to be found or at any time hereafter shall be Standing Growing lying being or found in or upon the above Granted Lands or any part thereof or within the Bounds or Limitts of the same And all profits Liberties Priviledges Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same Lands and Premisses or any part thereof belonging or in any wise Appertaining And all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession benefit Claim and Demand whatsover of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every or any part thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders of all and Singular the said Premisses *Except also* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever all Trees of the Diameter of twenty four Inches and upwards at twelve Inches from the Ground for Masts for our Royal Navy and also all such other Trees as may be fit to make planks knees and other things Necessary for the use of our said Navy only, which now are Standing Growing and being or at any time hereafter shall be Standing Growing or being in or upon the above Granted Lands or any part thereof, with free Liberty and License for any persons or persons whatsoever by us our Heirs or Successors to be thereunto Especially appointed, under our or their Sign Manual, either with or without workmen Horses Waggons Carts or any other Carriages to enter and Come into and upon the said Lands and every or any part thereof, and there to fall, Cut down, Root up, Hew, Square, Saw, Work up, have take and Carry away the same for the uses aforesaid *To have and to hold* all and every the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Lands Tenements Hereditaments Mines Minerals and Premisses with their and every of their Appurtenances by these presents Granted Ratifyed

and Confirmed or meant mentioned or intended to be hereby Granted Ratifyed and Confirmed (Except as is herein before Excepted) unto the said Edward Collins, James DeLancey, Gerardus Stuyvesent, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams and Frederick Morris their Heirs and Assignes to the only proper use and behoof of the said Edward Collins, James DeLancey, Gerardus Stuyvesant, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams and Frederick Morris their Heirs and Assignes for ever To be holden of us our Heirs and Successors in free and Common Soccage as of our Mannor of our Manor of [sic] East Greenwich in the County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* Rendring & paying therefore Yearly and every year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary Commonly Called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of two Shillings and six pence for each hundred Acres of the above Granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof (the Land allowed for Highways only Excepted) in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Dutys and Demands whatsoever for the above Granted Lands Mines Minerals Hereditaments & premisses or any part thereof *Provided* always and upon Condition that if our Grantees the said Edward Collins, James DeLancey, Gerardus Stuyvesant, Stephen Renselaer, Charles Williams and Frederick Morris their Heirs or Assignes or some of them shall not within three Years next ensuing the Date hereof plant Settle and Effectually Cultivate at least three Acres of every fifty Acres of the above Granted Lands which are Capable of Cultivation or if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assignes or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Consent privity or procurement shall set on fire or burn the Woods on the said Lands or any part thereof (so as to destroy impair or hinder the Growth of any of the Trees there, that are or may be fitt for Masts Planks knees or other Timber fit for the use of our Royal Navy) that then and in either of these Cases this our present Grant and every thing therein Contained shall Cease and be void any thing herein before Contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding *Declareing* Nevertheless that nothing in these presents Reserved or Contained shall or ought to be Construed to extend or be intended to prohibit or in any wise hinder our said Grantees their Heirs or Assignes or any of them from such burning of the woods or Cutting or falling of the Trees that are or shall be Growing or being on the above Granted Lands or any part thereof as shall be Necessary or Conducive to the Clearing and Effectual Cultivating of the same Lands or any part thereof or to or for their own use or uses *And* we do hereby further *Declare* that by the said burning of the woods is only meant and intended that our said Grantees their Heirs and Assignes are to be restrained only from Setting fire to, and burning any Timber or Trees whilst they are Standing and Growing upon the above Granted Lands or any part thereof *And* we do Likewise *Declare* that the Reservation

of all Trees of the Diameter of twenty four Inches and upwards at twelve Inches from the Ground for Masts for our Royal Navy, and of such other Trees as may be fit to make planks knees and other things Necessary for the use of our said Navy is not nor ought to be Consteued to hinder our said Grantees their Heirs or Assignes from Clearing or Effectually Cultivating the above Granted Lands or any part thereof *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace Certain Knowledge and meer motion Consent and Agree that this our present Grant being entered on Record as is hereinafter particularly expressed shall be Good and Effectually in the Law to all intents Constructions and purposes against us our Heirs and Successors, Notwithstanding any Misreciting Misbounding Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, or in any wise Concerning the above Granted or intended to be hereby Granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments Mines Minerals & premisses or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof we have Caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed and the same to be entered on Record in our said Secretarys Office in one of the Books of Patents there remaining *Witness* our said Trusty and welbeloved George Clarke Esq^{r}: our Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories thereon Depending &c at our fort George in our City of New York the fifteenth day of June in the thirteenth Year of our Reign and in the Year one thousand seven hundred and thirty nine—

HENDRICK SCHNEYDER'S PATENT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 13, pp. 463-466]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Hendrick Schneider, John Wettek, Hendrick Lake, John Johnson, Garret Williamson, Nathaniel Acherly, Benjamin Abbot, William Taylor, and Martinus Voorheis, all of the Province of New Jersey and Daniel Hallinbeek of the City of Albany, by their humble Petition,[1] presented on the Eighth Day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty one, unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire then our President of our Council and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories thereon depending in America, in Council did set forth, that they the said Petitioners had lately discovered that there is a Parcel of vacant Land in this Province vested in the Crown situate in the County of Albany on the East side of Hudson's River, bounded Northwardly

* Covered part of present township of Bennington.

1. Vol. 16, p. 69.

by the Patent of Wallumschack[2] Southwardly by the Patent of Renselaerswyck,[3] Westwardly by the Patent of Hoseck,[4] and Eastwardly by other vacant Lands, containing about the Quantity of Ten Thousand Acres, and therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray our Letters Patent, granting unto each of them and their Heirs respectively the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of the Tract of Land aforesaid, Which Petition having been then and there read and considered Of, our said Council did afterwards on the fifth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty one, humbly advise our said President and Commander in Chief, by our Letters Patent, to grant to the Petitioners and their Heirs and Assignes respectively, the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of the Tract of Land described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions directed and appointed in the Instructions of our late Royal Grandfather[5]; *Wherefore* in Obedience to the said Instructions, the Commissioners thereby appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Hendrick Schneyder, John Wettek, Hendrick Lake, John Johnson, Garret Williamson, Nathaniel Acherly, Benjamin Abbot, William Taylor, Martinus Voorheis and Daniel Hallinbeek *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East Side of Hudson's River *Beginning*[6] at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Cornelius Van Ness, and others, known by the Name of Wallumschack, and runs thence South, Seventy three Degrees East, Two Hundred and eighteen Chains, to another Corner of the aforesaid Tract called Wallumschack, then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract, South Seventy five Degrees East, one Hundred and Twenty nine Chains, and South forty four Degrees and thirty Minutes East, one Hundred and fifty Chains, then South, two Hundred and forty one Chains to the North Bounds of the Manor of Renselaerswyck, Then along the said North Bounds of the said Manor, West forty two Chains, then North Thirty five Degrees West One Hundred and twenty six Chains, then West to the East Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Maria Van Renselaer, Hendrick Van Ness and others commonly called and known by the Name of Hoseck, and then along the said East Bounds of the said Tract called Hoseck to

2. See p. 21 ante.

3. Renselaerwick was granted on Nov. 4, 1685 to Killian Van Ranslaer son of Johannes Van Ranslaer, and Killian Van Ranslaer son of Jeremias Van Ranslaer, their heirs and assigns. It is probable that the extreme northeastern corner of this tract may have covered part of the present township of Pownal. See maps in Documentary History of New York, vol. 1, opp. p. 774, and vol. 3, opp. p. 916; also N. Y. Land Papers, vol. 17, p. 134. The patent of Renselaerwick is recorded in N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 5B, pp. 102-110.

4. See p. 19 ante.

5. George the Second, King of Great Britain, etc.

6. Return of survey, with map, vol. 16, p. 96.

the Place where this Tract first began, containing Ten Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land the said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to the said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands, bearing Date the second Day of February now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract so set out according to the said Royal Instructons We being willing to grant to them the said Hendrick Schneyder, John Wettek, Hendrick Lake, John Johnson, Garret Williamson, Nathaniel Acherley, Benjamin Abbot, William Taylor, Martinus Voorheis, and Daniel Hallinbeek their Heirs and Assignes for Ever *Know Ye* therefore that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion *We have* given granted ratified and confirmed, and *Do* by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Hendrick Schneyder, John Wettek, Hendrick Lake, John Johnson, Garret Williamson, Nathaniel Acherly, Benjamin Abbot, William Taylor, Martinus Voorheis and Daniel Hallinbeek their Heirs and Assignes for ever *All That* the aforesaid Tract or Parcel of *Land,* set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, *And* also all our Estate, Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof, *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver And also all white or other sort of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Tenth part (the whole into Ten equal Parts to be divided) of and in the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our said Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assignes respectively *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendring and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there

for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling, for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof, *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assignes, or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Conclusion of our present War with France, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted, so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract, *or* if they our said Grantees or one of them their or one of their Heirs or Assignes shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them, their or any of their Heirs as Assignes, or any other Person or Persons, by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had never been made any Thing herein before contained, to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registred and entered of Record within six Months from the Date hereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registred, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting Misbounding Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of in or any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these

our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, *Witness* our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty fourth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and sixty two, and of our Reign the second.

PRINCETOWN*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 64-70]

[Report of the Commissioners appointed for the setting out of all Lands to be granted within the Province of New York.]

By the Hono^ble Cadwallader Colden Esquire his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, *Andrew Elliot* Esquire Receiver General of the said Province; and *Alexander Colden* Esquire Surveyor General of the same Province; Commissioners appointed for the Setting out of all Lands to be granted within the Province of New York.—*To All* to whom these Presents shall come or may concern *Greeting. Whereas* Isaac Vrooman, John Van Sice, Isaac Marselis, Isaac Vredenburgh, Cornelis Vander Volgen, Johannes Fort, Johannes Van Etten, Abraham Vredenbergh, Thomas Murry, Reuben Horseford, Adam Smith, Arent Ans Brat, William Humstrat, John Switman, Johannes Quackenboss, Herry Peak, Johan I Bastianze, Harmanus Bratt; Andrew Mitchell, Rynier Myndertse, Walter Vrooman, John Duncan, Robert Callbeck, Richard Duncan, George Smith, and Alexander Crukshank by their humble *Petition* presented unto the said Honourable Cadwallader Colden Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid, and read in Council on the fifth Day of September One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four, did set forth that between Hudson's and Connecticut Rivers, there were many Thousand Acres of Land vested in his Majesty vacant and unpatented within this Government, and that the Petitioners were very desirous to settle upon Part thereof; if they could obtain a Grant for the same: And therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray a Grant of one Thousand Acres of Land to each of them, situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East Side of Hudson's River about Twenty Miles Eastward from said River, and on both Sides of the Branches of a certain Brook called Batton Kill *Beginning* on the North Bank of said Batten Kill, at a certain Station fifty Chains on a South fifty seven Degree East Course from a certain Beach Tree marked with the Letters IM and the Figures *1764,* standing on the North Bank of said Batten Kill at the Bottom of a large Mountain,

* Covered a portion of the present townships of Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester and Dorset.

and to run from said place of Beginning Northeasterly about three Miles; then Northerly about four Miles; then Easterly about six Miles; then Southwesterly about seven Miles, then westerly about four Miles; then Northerly to the Place of Beginning: Containing twenty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And that the said Lands might be erected into a Township with such Priviledges as had been usual and under such Quit Rents and Reservations as should apppear just and reasonable: *Which Petition* having been then and there read and referred to a Committee of his Majesty's Council; his Majesty's Council did afterwards on the thirteenth day of March now last past, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise the said Honorable Cadwallader Colden Esquire Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid, to grant to each of the Petitioners above named and their Heirs respectively the Quantity of One Thousand Acres of the Lands aforesaid, Under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by his Majesty's Instructions, and that the said Lands be erected into a Township with the usual Priviledges: *Wherefore* in obedience to his Majesty's Instructions *We do hereby certify* that we have set out for them the said Petitioners above named *All* that certain Tract of vacant Land situate lying and being within the said Province, in the County of Albany on the East Side of Hudson's River, about Twenty Miles Eastward from the said River, and on both Sides of the Branches of a Brook called Batten Kill, *Beginning* on the North Side of the said Brook fifty Chains on a South fifty seven Degrees East Course from a Beach Tree marked with the Letters I IM, and the Figure *1764* standing on the North Bank of the said Batten Kill, at the South End of a Mountain, at the Side of a Road, and on the East Side of a small round Hill, and about one Hundred and six Chains Westward of John Holly's House, and runs from the said Place of Beginning South Eighteen Degrees East twelve Chains to Batten Kill, then South Sixty two Degrees East three Hundred and ten Chains; then North Twenty five Degrees East three Hundred and sixteen Chains; then North fifty one Degrees East three Hundred and fifty six Chains; then North forty Degrees East two Hundred and sixty four Chains; then North Sixty two Degrees West four Hundred and thirty five Chains; then South ten Degrees West two Hundred and sixty eight Chains and two Rods; then South forty three Degrees West five Hundred and Sixty two Chains Then South twenty one Degrees and Thirty Minutes West Ninety three Chains to the place where this Tract first began Containing Twenty six Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land we have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to his Majesty's Instructions: *Given* under our Hands at the City of New

York the seventeenth Day of May one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five, in the fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. / . Line 11 the Words *his Majesty* wrote on Razure and the Word *were* interlined and Line 22 the Words (and that the said Lands be erected into a Township with the usual Priviledges Wherefore in Obedience to his Majesty's Instructions, interlined.

Cadwallader Colden
Andrew Elliot
Alex^{r}. Colden

[The Patent]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth.—*To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting—Whereas* our loving Subjects Isaac Vrooman, John Van Sice, Isaac Marselis, Isaac Vredenbergh, Cornelis Vander Volgen, Johannes Fort, Johannes Van Etten, Abraham Vredenbergh, Thomas Murry, Reuben Horseford, Adam Smith, Arent Ans Brat, William Humstrat, John Switman, Johannes Quackenboss, Herry Peak, Johan I. Bastianze, Harmanus Bratt, Andrew Mitchell, Reynier Myndertse, Walter Vrooman, John Duncan, Robert Calebeck, Richard Duncan, George Smith and Alexander Crukshank by their Humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in our Council for our said Province on the fifth Day of September now last past, did set forth, that between Hudson's and Connecticut Rivers there were many Thousand Acres of Land vested in us vacant and unpatented within our said Government, And that the Petitioners were very desirous to settle upon Part thereof if they could obtain a Grant for the same; And therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray a Grant of one Thousand Acres of Land to each of them situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East Side of Hudson's River about Twenty Miles Eastward from said River, and on both Sides of the Branches of a certain Brook called Batten Kill, Beginning on the North Bank of said Batten Kill at a certain Station fifty Chains on a South fifty seven Degrees East Course from a certain Beach Tree, marked with the Letters I IM and the Figures *1764*, standing on the North Bank of said Batten Kill at the Bottom of a large Mountain, and to run from said place of Beginning Northeasterly about three Miles; then Northerly about four Miles, then Easterly about six Miles, then Southwesterly about seven Miles; then Westerly about four Miles, then Northerly to the Place of Beginning, Containing Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for High-

1. Vol. 18, p. 143.

ways; *And* that the said Lands might be erected into a Township with such Priviledges as had been usual, and under such Quit Rents and Reservations as should appear just and reasonable, *Which Petition* having been then and there read and referred to a Committee of our said Council; our said Council did afterwards on the Thirteenth Day of March now last past, in Pursuance of the Report[2] of the said Committee humbly advise our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to grant to each of the Petitioners above named and their Heirs respectively, the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of the Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, And that the said Lands be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges. *Wherefore* in Obedience to our Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said Petitioners above named *All* that certain Tract of vacant Land situate lying and being within our said Province in the County of Albany on the East Side of Hudson's River about Twenty Miles Eastward from the said River, and on both Sides of the Branches of a Brook called Batten Kill, *Beginning*[3] on the North Side of the said Brook, fifty Chains on a South fifty seven Degrees East Course, from a Beach Tree marked with the Letters I IM and the Figures *1764* standing on the North Bank of the said Batten Kill, at the South End of a Mountain, at the Side of a Road, and on the East Side of a small round Hill, and about One Hundred and six Chains Westward of John Holly's House, and runs from the said Place of Beginning South Eighteen Degrees East, twelve Chains to Batten Kill; then South Sixty two Degrees East three Hundred and ten Chains; then North Twenty five Degrees East three Hundred and sixteen Chains; then North fifty one Degrees East three Hundred and fifty six Chains; then North forty Degrees East, two Hundred and Sixty four Chains; then North sixty two Degrees West four Hundred and thirty five Chains; Then South ten Degrees West, two Hundred and sixty eight Chains and two Rods, then South forty three Degrees West five Hundred and sixty two Chains; then South Twenty one Degrees and thirty Minutes West Ninety three Chains, to the place where this Tract first began, Containing Twenty six Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in Setting out the said Tract of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Seventeenth Day of this instant Month of May and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office in our City of

2. Vol. 18, p. 144.
3. Return of survey, dated May 16, 1765, vol. 19, p. 22.

New York may more fully appear[4]. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns forever, with the several Powers and Privileges hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have have [sic] given granted ratified and confirmed, and Do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Isaac Vrooman, John Van Sice, Isaac Marselis, Isaac Vredenbergh, Cornelis Vander Volgen, Johannis Fort, Johannes Van Etten, Abraham Vredenbergh, Thomas Murry, Reuben Horseford, Adam Smith, Arent Ans Brat, William Humstrat, John Switman, Johannes Quackenboss, Herry Peak, Johan I. Bastianze, Hermanus Brat, Andrew Mitchell, Rynier Myndertse, Walter Vrooman, John Duncan, Robert Callbeck, Richard Duncan, George Smith and Alexander Crukshank their Heirs and Assigns forever *All* that the said Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, and Every Part and Parcel thereof, And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our Present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors forever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty sixth Part (the whole into Twenty six equal Parts to be divided) of and in the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our

4. See p. 29 ante.

This was the first patent for a *township* granted by New York in what is now Vermont.

Isaac Vrooman of Schenectady, was a deputy surveyor under Alexander Colden; judge of the court of common pleas; member of the Provincial Assembly in 1759 and member of the first State Assembly.—American Ancestry, vol. 1, p. 91.

City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the said Tract or Parcel of Land hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, And by the Name of PRINCETOWN for ever hereafter to be called and known. *And* for the better and more easily Carrying on and Managing the Publick Affairs and Business of the said Township, our Royal Will and Pleasure is and *We do* hereby for us our Heirs and Successors give and grant to the Inhabitants of the said Township *All* the Powers, Authorities, Privileges and Advantages heretofore given and granted to or legally enjoyed by all any or either our other Townships within our said Province. *And we* also ordain and establish that there shall be for ever hereafter in the said Township two Assessors, one Treasurer, two Overseers of the Highways, two Overseers of the Poor, one Collector and four Constables elected and chosen out of the Inhabitants of the said Township yearly and every Year on the first Tuesday in May at the most Public Place in the said Township by the Majority of the Inhabitants thereof then and there met and assembled for that Purpose; *Hereby* Declaring that wheresoever the first Election in the said Township shall be held, the future Elections shall thereafter be held in the same Place, as near as may be, until another Place in the said Township shall be agreed upon fixed and appointed for that purpose by the Majority of the said Inhabitants assembled at any annual Election, which we do hereby authorize them to do. *Hereby* Declaring that such Place so agreed upon fixed and appointed, by the Majority Of such of the Inhabitants as shall be so assembled, shall thereafter be and continue the Place of the future Elections until the same shall be by the Inhabitants of the said Township altered and another Place ascertained for that Purpose in Manner aforesaid. *And we do* hereby Give and grant unto the said Officers so from Time to time to be chosen, Power and Authority to exercise their said several and respective Offices during one whole Year from such Election and until others are legally chosen and elected in their Room and stead, as fully and amply as any the like Officers have, or legally may Use or exercise their Offices in our said Province. *And* in Case any or either of the said Officers of the said Township should die or remove from the said Township before the Time of their annual Service shall be expired, or refuse to act in the Offices for which they shall respectively be chosen, then our Royal

Will and Pleasure further is, and we do hereby direct ordain and require the Inhabitants of the said Township to meet at the Place where the then next annual Election shall be appointed to be held for the said Township, and choose other or others of the Inhabitants of the said Township in the place and stead of him or them so dying Removing or Refusing to act, within forty Days next after such Contingency. *And* to prevent any undue Election in this Case, we *do* hereby ordain and require that upon every Vacancy in the Office of Assessor, the Treasurer, and in either of the other Offices, the Assessors of the said Township for the Time being or the Survivor of them, shall within ten Days next after any such Vacancy first happens appoint the Day for such Election and give public Notice thereof in Writing under his or their Hands, by affixing such Notice on the Church Door or other most Public Place in the said Township at the least Ten Days before the Day appointed for such Election; And in Default thereof we do hereby require the officer or Officers of the said Township, or the Survivor of them, who in the order they are herein before mentioned shall next succeed him or them so Making Default, within ten Days next after such Default to appoint the Day for such Election and give Notice thereof as aforesaid; *Hereby* giving and Granting that such Person or persons as shall be so chosen by the Majority of such of the Inhabitants of the said Township as shall meet in the Manner hereby directed, shall have hold exercise and enjoy the office or offices to which he or they shall be so elected and chosen from the Time of such Election until the first Tuesday in May then next following, and until other or others be legally chosen in his or their Place and stead, as fully as the Person or Persons in whose place he or they shall be chosen might or could have done by Virtue of these Presents. *And we do* hereby will and direct that this Method shall for ever hereafter be used for the Filling up all Vacancies that shall happen in any or either of the said Offices between the annual Elections above directed. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three years next after the Date hereof, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted, so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres thereof, Or if they our said Grantees or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assignes, shall not also within three years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if they our said Grantees, or any of them; their or any of their Heirs or Assignes or any other person or persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement, shall fell cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing

therein Contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registred and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection, or omission of in, or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty first Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty five, and of our Reign the fifth./. First Skin Line the Twelfth part of the Word *thirteenth* wrote on Razure, Line thirteen the Word *named* Line thirty one the Word *Part*, and in the second Skin Line twenty six the words *of Patents* interlined.

CLARKE

In the preceeding Certificate and Letters Patent recorded for Isaac Vrooman and others the following Obliterations &c appear. Viz^{t}. Page 65 line 11 the word *the* and line 13 the Word *the* obliterated and line 43 *ten* wrote on razure. Page 66 Line 42 *Township* interlined. Page 68 Line 3 *out of this our* Line 20 two and page 69 line 4 *give* wrote on Razure; and same Page Line 30 the Word *then* interlined. Examined with the Original this 23^{d}. day of May 1765. By

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NAPIER TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 159-164]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all to whom*

* This tract lay within the present townships of Arlington, Sunderland, Glastenbury and Shaftsbury. A mandamus grant.

these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* by our Royal Order Given at our Court at S[t]. James's the Twenty third day of May One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty four, We were pleased with the advice of our Privy Council to Order that our Governor or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York for the time being, should Cause ten thousand Acres of Land to be Surveyed in one Contiguous Tract in such part of the said Province, as James Napier Esquire Inspector and Director General of our Military Hospitals in North America, or his Agents should Choose, not already granted to or Surveyed for others, and which is not the property of or Claimed by the Indians; and upon a Return of such Survey conformable to our Directions in our General Instructions, to pass a Grant of the same to the said James Napier, under the Seal of our said Province, Subject to the payment of the Quit Rents prescribed in our said General Instructions, and to such other Terms and Conditions of Cultivation and Settlement, as are usually inserted in Grants of Land made in that Province. *And whereas* the said James Napier by his Humble Petition[1] presented unto our Trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, hath prayed that the said Ten thousand Acres of Land might be laid out for him on the East side of Hudson's River, at about Twenty four Miles East from the same, being to the Westward of a large Mountain called the Green Mountain, beginning near the Eastern-most Branch of a Brook called Batten Kill, and Extending along the West side of the said Green Mountain, Southerly and Westerly; *Wherefore* in Obedience to our said Royal Order and Instructions, Our Comsioners appointed by the same Instructions, for the Setting out all Lands to be Granted within our said Province, have set out for him the said James Napier, all that certain Tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East side of Hudson's River, within the Province of New York, Westward of a Mountain called the Green Mountain, and lying partly within the Township of Shaftsbury, Glossenbury Sunderland and Arlington, formerly Granted under the Government of New Hampshire; Beginning[2] on the North side of Batten Kill at the South West Corner of a Tract of Land lately granted to Isaac Vrooman[3], John Van Sice, and Twenty four other Persons; and runs thence along the South Bounds of the said Tract Granted to Isaac Vrooman, John Van Sice and others, South Sixty two Degrees East, two hundred and Sixty Chains, then South Twenty two Degrees West three hundred and fifty three Chains, to the North East Corner of a Tract of Land Surveyed for Doctor William Barr;[4] then along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract North Seventy two Degrees West, One hundred and Seventy two Chains,

1. Vol. 18, p. 125.
2. Return of survey, vol. 20, pp. 50-54.
3. Princetown, p. 29 ante.
4. Vol. 20, p. 51.

to a Tract of Land Granted to Duncan McVicar[5]; then along the East and North bounds of this last mentioned Tract North Eighteen Degrees and Thirty Minutes East One hundred and fourteen Chains; and North Seventy six Degrees West Eighty Eight Chains, to the North East Corner of a Tract of Land Surveyed for Lieutenant William Gregor[6]; then along the North bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land, North Seventy four Degrees East two hundred and Fifteen Chains, then along the East bounds of a Tract of Land Surveyed for Lieutenant James Grant and Archibald Campbell[7], and a Tract of Land Surveyed for Philip Embury[8] and others North One hundred Chains; Then South Seventy four Degrees East One hundred and Eighty three Chains; Then North thirty Eight Degrees East two hundred and Five Chains, to the place where this Tract first began; Containing Ten thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways. Exclusive of and Except out of the said Tract of Land the Quantity of One thousand and Fifty Acres Included within the Bounds thereof intended to be Granted to sundry Persons settled within the said Tract under the said Government of New Hampshire. *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract doth not Extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is Conformable to our said Royal Instructions for that purpose, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the Twenty sixth day of this Instant Month of October, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our Province of New York may more fully appear. Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said James Napier his Heirs and Assigns forever; Know Ye that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have Given, granted ratified and confirmed, and *Do* by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors, give grant ratify and Confirm unto him the said James Napier his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the said Tract of Land aforesaid, Set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned, together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And also* all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possesson, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and premises, and every part and parcel thereof; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every part and parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our Present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever, the Absolute Right and Property as fully to all Intents and purposes as if this our Grant had not been made of in and to the Quantity of One thousand and fifty

5. Vol. 19, p. 97.
6. Vol. 19, p. 91.
7. Not located.
8. See p. 40 post.

Acres of Land with the appurtenances included as above mentioned within the Bounds and Limits above described, to be set out in such Quantities and in as many parcels or Lots, and in such place or places within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid, as our Governor or Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York by and with the advice and Consent of our Council of our said Province for the time being, shall at any time or times hereafter direct and appoint; with full Power and Authority to us our Heirs and Successors to Grant any or all the same Lots or parcels of Land to any Person or Persons whatsoever as fully to all Intents and purposes whatsover, as if this our present Grant had not been made, and also *Except* out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever, all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract of Land Tenements Hereditaments and premises by these Presents Granted, ratified and Confirmed, and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto him the said James Napier his Heirs and Assigns, *To* the only proper use and behoof of him the said James Napier his Heirs and Assigns for ever. *To be holden of us* our Heirs and Successors in Free and Common Soccage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding rendring and paying* therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto us Our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly Called Lady Day the Yearly rent of Two shillings and six pence sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above Granted Lands, and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and Except for such part of the said Lands allowed for highways, as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services Dues, Duties, and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and premises or any part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition Nevertheless that if the said James Napier his heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the date of this our Grant, Settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract, Or if the said James Napier his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually Cultivate at the Least three acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby Granted Lands as are Capable of Cultivation, or if he the said James Napier his Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his their or any of their Privity Consent or procurement, shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal

License of us our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant, and every thing therein Contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and premises hereby granted, shall revert to and vest in us Our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise Notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, *And We* do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York, in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there, for our said Province; and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these presents contained to the Contrary in any wise Notwithstanding. *And We do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, That this our present Grant, being Registred, Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and purposes whatsoever, against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or omission of, in, or, in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and premises, or any part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have Caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed. *Witness* our Trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire, our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, in pursuance of our Royal Order aforesaid, Given at our Court at S^{t}. James's as aforesaid; at our Fort in our City of New York the Thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty five, and of our Reign the Sixth.

PHILIP EMBURY TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 165-169]

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Philip Embury, Peter Embury, James Wilson, John Wilson, George Wilson, Samuel Wilson, Moses Cowen and Thomas Proctor, by their humble Petition[1] presented to our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire, our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief

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1. Vol. 18, p. 30.

of our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, in Council, on the fifth Day of September which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four, did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favourably pleased, by our Letters Patent to grant unto each of them the said Petitioners the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of Land vacant and unpatented vested in our Crown situate lying and being in the County of Albany backwards of and adjoining to Lands granted to Ryer Schermerhorn and others or on the Back of that Patent so as to include the Quantity prayed for, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *Which Petition* having been then and there read and considered of, our Council for our said Province did afterwards, on the thirteenth Day of March now last past, humbly advise our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid to grant the Prayer thereof. *Wherefore,* in Pursuance of and obedience to our Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed by the same Instructions for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said Philip Embury, Peter Embury, James Wilson, John Wilson, George Wilson, Samuel Wilson, Moses Cowen and Thomas Proctor, *All* that certain Tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany backwards of and adjoining to Lands granted to Ryer Schermerhorn and others. *Beginning*[2] at the South East Corner of the said Lands granted to Ryer Schermerhorn[3] and others, and runs thence along their East Bounds North Thirty one Degrees East four Hundred Chains, then East Ninety seven Chains and thirty Links, then South Twenty four Chains and eighty Links; then South Sixty Degrees East sixty eight Chains; then South Seven Degrees West two Hundred and Ninety four Chains; then East three Hundred and thirty Chains; and then North thirty one Degrees East nine Chains, to the place where this Tract first began containing eight Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Eighth Day of this Instant Month of October and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 19, p. 147.
3. Vol. 16, p. 101.

Philip Embury was appointed Justice of Peace for Albany County in 1770—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 481. He was called the "Apostle of American Methodism".—Cannif., Settlement of Upper Canada, p. 302. He came to America in 1760; is said to have conducted the first Methodist meeting in America in his own house in New York City in 1766; he organized the first Methodist church in America near Cambridge, N. Y., in the Camden Valley in 1769. National Cyclopedia of American Biography, XIII, 115; History of the Troy Conference, Graham, pp. 1-3.

Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and assigns for ever: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, *And do* by these presents, for us our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Philip Embury, Peter Embury, James Wilson, John Wilson, George Wilson, Samuel Wilson, Moses Cowen and Thomas Proctor their Heirs and Assigns forever, *All* that the said Tract of Land aforesaid set out, abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof, *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant, unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal eighth Part (the whole into eight equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively forever, as Tenants in Common, and not as joint Tenants: *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling, for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and premises or any part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them, shall not within three years from the Date hereof, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract *Or* if they our said Grantees or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns

shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them (their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons, by) their or any of their privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained, shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted, shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, Any Thing hereinbefore contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we *do* hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date hereof, in our Secretary's Office, in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there, for our said Province; *And* that in Default thereof, this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire, our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, at our Fort in our City of New York the Thirty first Day of October, of our Reign the sixth, and in the year of *Our* Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five.

CHESTER—A Confirmatory Patent

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 169-177]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New

York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been Pretended to be granted by diverse Instruments, under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as though the same Lands had then belonged to, and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others, the following Tract of Land, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid, hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire, by the Name of New Flamstead, *Beginning* at a Birch Tree, marked with the Letters *RF,* and a large Number of other old Marks all round the said Tree, which stands about six Miles West from Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence running North ten Degrees East seven Miles and an half and One Chain to a Maple Tree, marked with the Letters *FWS.* from thence West ten Degrees North six Miles and an half to a Hemlock Tree, marked with the Letters *FL,* and some other old dull Marks, from thence South ten Degrees West, Eight Miles and a Quarter and one Chain to a Hackmetack Tree, marked with the Letters *FCA,* from thence due East by the Needle of the Compass, six Miles and an half to the first mentioned Birch Tree. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Thomas Chandler, in Behalf of himself and thirty two other Persons, by his humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire, our Lieutenant Governor and then our Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for said Province of New York on the Twenty ninth day of October last, did represent and set forth among other Things, that the Petitioner and his Associates held the same Tract of Land by Purchase at a large Sum of Money of the Persons who first held the same under the pretended Grant aforementioned; That the Petitioner and his Associates are setled on the Premises, and apprehended their Title was good, until they had Notice of our Royal Order in our Privy Council of the Twentieth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four. That the Petitioners were desirous to be secured in their Possessions and Improvements, by obtaining our Grant under the Great Seal of our said Province of New York, and to hold the Premises under such our Grant. *And* therefore in Consideration of the Equity of their Case, humbly prayed our Letters Patent, Granting to the Petitioner and his Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, the said Tract of Land, And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Chester, with such Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York have and do enjoy. *Which Petition* having been, on the said Twenty ninth day of October

1. Vol. 19, p. 162.

last, in our said Council for our said Province of New York, referred to a Committee of our said Council for our said Province, our same Council did afterwards, on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise our said Lieutenant Governor and then Commander in Chief as aforesaid to grant the Prayer thereof, under the Quit Rent, Provisions, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for the said Thomas Chandler and his Associates, to wit, John Chandler, Thomas Chandler Junior, Elizabeth Chandler, Timothy Olcott, Joseph Lord, Joseph Lord Junior, Stephen Lord, Jotham Lord, Nathan Earl, Josiah Farwell, Jabez Sargent, Edward Johnson, Isaiah Johnson, Cyrus Whitcomb, Joshua Church, Ebenezer Holton, Jonathan Holton, David Hutchinson, Greshom Hobart, William Hoar, Hezekiah Hoar, David Young, Mathew Patterson, John Thorp, John Myer, Nathaniel M^c^ Kinly, Alexander Lamb, William Swan, John Crosby, Christopher Kennedy and John Osborn *All* that certain Tract, or Parcel of Land, situate lying and being in the County of *Cumberland* within our said Province of New York, on the West side of Connecticut River, lately called and known by the Name of New Flamstead. *Beginning*[2] at a Birch Tree, which is distant six Miles on a Course North eighty Degrees West from Connecticut River, and was formerly marked with the Letters *IW, IH, SK, AR, FL,* for the South east Corner of said New Flamstead, and the South west Corner of Springfield[3]. And this Tract runs from the said Birch Tree along the Line of Springfield North ten Degrees East Six Hundred and one Chains to a Maple Tree formerly marked with the Letters *FWS,* for the North West Corner of Springfield, then North eighty Degrees West five Hundred and twenty Chains to a Hemlock Tree marked with the Letters *FL,* thence South ten Degrees West six Hundred and ninety one Chains to a Hackematack Tree formerly marked with the Letters FCA, for the South west Corner of said New Flamstead, the North West Corner of Tomlinson[4], the North East Corner of a Place called Kent, and the South East Corner of Andover, then East as the Needle now points five Hundred and twenty two Chains

2. Return of survey, vol. 21, p. 74.
3. See p. 361 post.
4. Now Grafton.

Chester was the first township to have its New Hampshire charter confirmed by New York, and there was no reservation made of the lands set aside by New Hampshire for public uses. On June 10, 1767, Governor Moore wrote Lord Shelburne, Colonial Secretary, that the omission was an oversight.—Documentary History of New York, 8 vo., vol. IV, p. 606.

Col. Thomas Chandler, Sr., came to New Flamstead (Chester) in 1763, probably from Woodstock, Conn. Under the jurisdiction of New York he was Chief judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland County, Justice of the Peace, Surrogate and was commissioned to administer oaths.—History of Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 633-637.

to the place where this Tract first began; Containing thirty one Thousand and seven Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And in setting out* the said Tract of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof, doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions for that Purpose, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands, bearing Date the fifth Day of this Instant Month of July, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office, for our said Province of New York, may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid, according to our Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, With the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed; *And do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Thomas Chandler, John Chandler, Thomas Chandler Junior, Elizabeth Chandler, Timothy Olcott, Joseph Lord, Joseph Lord Junior, Stephen Lord, Jotham Lord, Nathan Earl, Josiah Farwell, Jabez Sargent, Edward Johnson, Isaiah Johnson, Cyrus Whitcomb, Joshua Church, Ebenezer Holton, Jonathan Holton, David Hutchinson, Greshom Hobart, William Hoar, Hezekiah Hoar, David Young, Mathew Patterson, John Thorp, John Myer, Nathaniel M^{c} Kinly, Alexander Lamb, William Swan, John Crosby, Christopher Kennedy and John Osborn, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land Aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Two and thirtieth Part (the whole into Thirty two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned, their Heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in Common, and not as joint Tenants; *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and

common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever, unto us our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six pence Sterling, for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the Tract or parcel of Land hereby granted and every part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be, continue and remain, And by the Name of Chester for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, *And we do* hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof, in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; *And* that in Default thereof, this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being Registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *Sir Henry Moore* Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the fourteenth Day

of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, and of our Reign the sixth.

BRATTLEBOROUGH—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 180-189]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River, *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as though the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof *And Whereas* among others the following Tract of Land part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid, hath been so pretended to be granted, and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Brattleborough. *Beginning* at the Mouth of Venters Brook where it enters Connecticut River, thence Running West, ten Degrees North to the South East Corner of a certain Tract of Land known by the Name of Marlborough about six Miles, thence five Miles North ten Degrees East by Marlborough aforesaid to a Stake and Stones in said Line; Thence East ten Degrees South to Connecticut River, thence down the said River to the Bounds first mentioned where Venters Brook empties into said River. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Samuel Wells by his humble Petition[1], in Behalf of himself and twenty other persons, presented unto our trusty and well beloved *Sir Henry Moore* Baronet our Captain General and *Governor in Chief* in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the second Day of June now last past, did represent and set forth, among other Things, that the Petitioner and his Associates had settled themselves and had improved a considerable part of the same Tract of Land in Consequence of the said pretended Grant thereof, under the Seal of the Province of New Hampshire; but Finding by our Royal Order in Council of the Twentieth Day of July One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four, that the before mentioned Tract of Land is within our said Province of New York; And being desirous of Securing their Possessions and Improvements by obtaining our Grant under the Seal of our Province of New York; the Petitioner therefore, in Behalf

1. Vol. 20, p. 185.

of himself, and his Associates did humbly pray our Grant to him and his Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, of the Tract of Land above described, to be incorporated or erected into a Town, and vested with the Privileges usually granted to other Towns within our said Province of New York. *Which Petition* having been then and there referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards, on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the same Committee, humbly advise our said Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York to grant the Prayer thereof, under the Quit Rent Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; Reserving (as was reserved in the pretended Grant above mentioned from New Hampshire) one whole Share of the Premises To the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts; A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing in the said Town; A like Share for the first settled Minister in the said Town; And the Quantity of one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing in the said Town; *In pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for the said Samuel Wells and his Associates, to wit, John Arms, Seth Catling, David Wells, Daniel Arms, Joseph Barnard, Joseph Barnard Junior, Joseph Smead, David Hoit, Susannah Arms, Hannah Wells, Elisha Hinsdale, Nathan Willard, Wildar Willard, Samuel Taylor, Eliakim Arms, William Arms, Henry Wells, Remembrance Shelden, Elijah Shelden, and Amasa Shelden, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Cumberland within our province of New York on the West Side of Connecticut River called and known by the Name of *Brattleborough, Beginning*[2] at the Mouth of Venters Brook where it enters Connecticut River; and runs thence North eighty Degrees West five Hundred and forty eight Chains; then North ten Degrees East four Hundred Chains; then South Eighty Degrees East five Hundred and eighty Chains to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it runs to where Venters Brook empties into the said River, the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Nineteen Thousand five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And* also our said Commissioners have set out the four Lots hereinafter described Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract

2. Return of survey, with map, dated June 25, 1766, vol. 31, p. 43. Return of survey, with map showing public rights, dated July 15, 1766, vol. 21, p. 81.

Samuel Wells was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts in 1730; settled in Brattleborough in 1762; appointed Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace in 1766; represented Cumberland County in the New York Provincial Assembly in 1773; with Luke Knowlton was implicated in the so-called "Haldimand Affair" and remained a staunch Loyalist until his death in 1786.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 718-725; Biographical Sketches of American Loyalists.

for the several and respective Uses above mentioned, that is to say; *For* the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, *All* that certain Lot or parcel of Land, part of the larger Tract hereinbefore described *Beginning* at the South West Corner of the Lot or Parcel of Land laid out as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England; and runs thence along the Line of the said larger Tract South Ten Degrees West Sixty three Chains; then South Eighty Degrees East fifty eight Chains and one Rod; then North ten Degrees East sixty three Chains; and then North Eighty Degrees West fifty eight Chains and one Rod to the Place where this Lot or parcel of Land first began, Containing three Hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways.—*For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing in the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land, part of the said larger Tract hereinbefore described *Beginning* at the North West Corner of the said larger Tract; and runs thence along the Line of the said larger Tract South ten Degrees West Sixty three Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East fifty eight Chains and one Rod; then North ten Degrees East sixty three Chains; and then North Eighty Degrees West Fifty eight Chains and one Rod, to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began, Containing three Hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *For* the first settled Minister in the said larger Tract; *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land, part of the larger Tract aforesaid, *Beginning* at the South West Corner of the Lot or Parcel of Land set out for the Use of the Minister of the Church of England, and runs thence along the Line of the said Larger Tract South ten Degrees West Sixty three Chains; then South eighty Degrees East fifty eight Chains and one Rod; Then North ten Degrees East sixty three Chains; and then North Eighty Degrees West fifty eight Chains and one Rod; to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began, Containing three Hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And* for the Use of a School Master residing in the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land, (Part of the aforesaid larger Tract) known and distinguished by the Name or Distinction of Lot Number two in the fifth Range of Lots laid down within the said larger Tract of Land in the Map thereof, returned by our said Commissioners concerning the same, and therewith filed and entered of Record in our Secretary's Office for our Province of New York; The same Lot last mentioned being forty Chains in Length, and twenty five Chains in Breadth, and Containing one Hundred Acres of Land: *And in setting out* the said larger Tract of Land and the several Lots last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our Royal Instructions for that Purpose; as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the

sixteenth Day of this Instant Month of July, and entered of Record in our said Secretary's Office may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid, according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to Grant to the Petitioner aforesaid and his Associates above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and of and concerning every Part and Parcel thereof, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted ratified and confirmed, *and do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, Give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Samuel Wells, John Arms, Seth Catling, David Wells, Daniel Arms, Joseph Barnard, Joseph Barnard Junior, Joseph Smead, David Hoit, Susannah Arms, Hannah Wells, Elisha Hindsdale, Nathan Willard, Wildar Willard, Samuel Taylor, Eliakim Arms, William Arms, Henry Wells, Remembrance Shelden, Elijah Shelden and Amasa Shelden, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land, set out, abutted, bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned, including all the aforementioned four several Smaller Tracts or Lots of Land set out and described by our said Commissioners as parts and Parcels thereof, containing in the whole Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land, besides the usual Allowance for Highways; Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments, and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards, at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning the said respective four Lots herein mentioned and expressed as Parts and Parcels thereof,

and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsover, that is to say, As for and concerning All that the before mentioned small Tract, or Lot or Parcel of Land so set out for the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts as aforesaid, being Part and Parcel of the said large Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel of the same Lot of Land with the Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is herein before excepted) *To* and for the only proper and separate Use and Behoof of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts above mentioned and their Successors for ever and to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever; *And as* for and concerning All that the before mentioned small Tract, Lot or Parcel of Land so set out as and for a Glebe for the Use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, being Part and Parcel of the said large Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel of the same Lot of Land with the Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is herein before excepted) *In Trust* as and for a *Glebe* for ever. To and for the only proper and separate Use, Benefit and Behoof of the first Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, having the Cure of Souls and residing in the said large Tract of Land hereby granted, and his Successors for ever, for the Time being residing as aforesaid, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever: *And as* for and concerning All that the before mentioned small Tract, Lot or Parcel of Land so set out for the first settled Minister in the said large Tract of Land hereby granted, the same Lot or Parcel of Land being Part and Parcel of the said large Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel of the same Lot of Land, with the Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is hereinbefore excepted) *In Trust* to and for the sole proper and separate Use, Benefit and Behoof of the first Minister of the Gospel that shall be settled and officiating on the said large Tract of Land hereby granted his Heirs and Assigns forever *And in Trust* also that our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns, shall well and truly by good and sufficient Assurances in the Law, convey the same last mentioned small Tract or Lot of Land with the Appurtenances to such Minister of the Gospel as shall be first settled and officiating as aforesaid his Heirs and Assigns for ever in Fee Simple as soon as may be after such Minister shall be settled and Officiating as aforesaid, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsover: *And as* for and concerning All that other small Tract, Lot or Parcel of Land so set out for the Use of a SchoolMaster, being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel of the same Lot of Land with

the Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is hereinbefore excepted) *In Trust* for ever, to and for the sole and separate use, Benefit and Behoof of the first public Schoolmaster of the Township by these Presents constituted and erected, officiating and resident in the same Township, and his Successors Schoolmasters as aforesaid for ever, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsover; *And as,* for and *Concerning All* the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed. *To have and to hold* one full and equal one and twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty one equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Samuel Well, John Arms, Seth Catling, David Wells, Daniel Arms, Joseph Barnard, Joseph Barnard Junior, Joseph Smead, David Hoit, Susannah Arms, Hannah Wells, Elisha Hinsdale, Nathan Willard, Wildar Willard, Samuel Taylor, Eliakim Arms, William Arms, Henry Wells, Remembrance Shelden, Elijah Shelden and Amasa Shelden, their Heirs and Assigns respectively, To their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *All* and singular the said Tract of Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain; *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever, unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways, as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land Containing Nineteen Thousand and five Hundred Acres as aforesaid hereby granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Brattleborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families

and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we *Do* hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof, in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there, for our said Province of New York; *And* that in Default thereof, this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect; any Thing before in these presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover, of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this, our present Grant, being Registered, Recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsover, against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned Or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *Sir Henry Moore* Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty second Day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six. and of our Reign the sixth.

HERTFORD*—A Confirmatory Patent

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 193-202]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as though the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the following Tract of Land Part of our said Province of New

* Name changed to Hartland in 1782.

York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Hertford. *Beginning* at Connecticut River at the North East Corner of a Township called Windsor, at the lower End of an Island called Hart Island, and extending from thence North Seventy five Degrees West six Miles and one Quarter; from thence North thirty three Degrees East seven Miles and one Quarter; and from thence South Sixty eight Degrees East seven Miles to Connecticut River; and from thence by said River to the first mentioned Corner. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Oliver Willard by his humble Petition[1], in Behalf of himself and twenty five other Persons his Associates, presented to our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the second Day of June now last past, did represent and set forth, among other Things, that the Petitioner and his Associates held the same Tract of Land under the pretended Grant aforementioned, and thought their Title was good until our Order in our Privy Council of the Twentieth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four. That they were willing and desirous to secure their Possessions and Improvements by obtaining a Grant of the same under the Great Seal of our said Province of New York, and therefore in Consideration of the Equity of their Case humbly prayed our Letters Patent, Granting to the Petitioner and his Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever the Tract of Land aforesaid, And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Hertford, with such Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York have and do enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then and there referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards, on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the same Committee humbly advise our said Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York By Letters Patent to grant to the said Oliver Willard and his Associates their Heirs and Assigns, the Tract of Land and Premises above described to be erected into a Township by the Name of *Hertford*, with the usual Privileges under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; Reserving (as was reserved in the pretended Grant above mentioned under the Seal of the Province of New Hampshire) One whole Share of the Premises To the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts; A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being, residing in the said Town; A like Share for the first settled Minister in the said Town; And the Quantity of one Hundred

1. Vol. 20, p. 184.

Acres for the Use of a School master residing in the said Town; *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for the said Oliver Willard and his Associates, to wit, Samuel Hunt, Joseph Willard, Zur Evans, William Syms, Zadok Wright, Amasa Wright, Lucius Doolittle, Jonathan Hunt, John Laton, Experience Davis, Thankfull Willard, Daniel Goldsmith, Obadiah Wells, George Hopson, Henry Beekman, John De Peyster Junior, John Stout, Benjamin Stout, James Wessels, Joel Mathews, James Harwood, Thomas Taylor, John Hastings Junior and John Stevens, All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York on the West side of Connecticut River, called and known by the Name of Hertford; *Beginning*[2] on Connecticut River at a Place commonly called and known by the Name of the North East Corner of Windsor[3], at the lower End of an Island called Hart Island, and runs thence North Seventy four Degrees West five Hundred Chains; then North thirty three Degrees East five Hundred and eighty Chains; then South sixty eight Degrees East three Hundred and Seventy nine Chains, to a Tract of five Hundred Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant Thomas Etherington[4]; then the same Course continued, along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract, One Hundred and thirty one Chains to Connecticut River; and from thence by the said River, as it runs to the Place where this Tract first began: Including within the Bounds thereof the said Tract of Five Hundred Acres grantecd to the said Thomas Etherington, and containing exclusive of the last mentioned Tract Twenty four Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And also* our said Commissioners have set out the several Lots hereinafter described Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract for the several and respective Uses above mentioned, that is to say, *For* the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land, Part of the larger Tract herein before described, *Beginning* at the South West Corner of the said larger Tract, and runs thence along the Line of the said larger Tract, South Seventy four Degrees East Sixty Chains, then North thirty three Degrees East Sixty Chains, then North Seventy four Degrees West Sixty

2. No return of survey was located in the Land Papers. A map by Alexander Colden, Surveyor General, is appended to the certificate of the Commissioners appointed for the setting out of all lands granted by New York, immediately preceding this patent, N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, p. 192.

3. See p. 328 post.

4. Vol. 20, p. 89.

Oliver Willard was Assistant Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Cumberland County; also Justice of the Peace.—History of Eastern Vermont, Hall, p. 764-765.

A most interesting deposition of Oliver Willard relating to the grant of Hertford and other matters regarding the New Hampshire-New York controversy is found in Documentary History of New York, vol. IV, pp. 699-703.

Chains, and then South thirty three Degrees West Sixty Chains, to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began; Containing three Hundred and forty two Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract,—*All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land part of the larger Tract aforesaid, *Beginning* at the Southeast Corner of the Lot or Parcel of Land set out for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts as aforesaid; and runs thence along the Line of the said larger Tract, South Seventy four Degrees East Sixty Chains, then North thirty three Degrees East sixty Chains, then North Seventy four Degrees West Sixty Chains; and then South thirty three Degrees West Sixty Chains to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began, containing three Hundred and forty two Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *For* the first settled Minister on the said larger Tract, *All* those two certain Lots or Parcels of Land (part of the aforesaid larger Tract) known and distinguished by Lots Numbers Five in the seventh and eighth Range of Lots laid down within the said larger Tract of Land in the Map thereof returned by our said Commissioners concerning the same, and therein filed and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our Province of New York; Each of the said Lots last mentioned being in Length forty Chains, and in Breadth twenty five Chains; As also the Southernmost part of two other Lots distinguished as aforesaid by the Name or Distinction of Lots Numbers Six in the said Seventh and eighth Range of Lots, being each in Length thirty two Chains and in Breadth twenty five Chains; And the said four Parcels of Land last above mentioned Containing together three Hundred and forty two Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And* for the Use of a School Master residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that Certain Lot or Parcel of Land (Part of the aforesaid larger Tract) known and distinguished as aforesaid, by the Name or Distinction of Lot Number seven in the second Range of Lots, in Length Forty Chains and in Breadth twenty five Chains, Containing one Hundred Acres of Land: *And in setting out* the said larger Tract of Land and The several Lots last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our Royal Instructions for that Purpose, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the sixteenth Day of this Instant Month of July, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office, may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Twenty four Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways (except the said Tract of Land included within the bounds thereof granted to the said Thomas Etherington as aforesaid) so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the Petitioner as aforesaid and his Associates above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several

Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts Intents and purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, Declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning every Part and Parcel thereof, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us and our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Oliver Willard, Samuel Hunt, Joseph Willard, Zur Evans, William Syms, Zadock Wright, Amasa Wright, Lucius Doolittle, Jonathan Hunt, John Laton, Experience Davis, Thankful Willard, Daniel Goldsmith, Obadiah Wells, George Hopson, Henry Beekman, John DePeyster Junior, John Stout, Benjamin Stout, James Wessels, Joel Mathews, James Harwood, Thomas Taylor, John Hastings Junior, and John Stevens. All the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned, Except the said Tract of Land granted to the said Thomas Etherington as aforesaid, but Including all the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land set out and described by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels thereof Containing in the whole Twenty four Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land besides the usual Allowance for Highways. *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof; And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues *And* Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant, unto us, our Heirs and Successors forever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees, fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract of Twenty four Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns forever, to for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed, limitted, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning the said respective Lots herein mentioned and expressed to be set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels thereof, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning all the Rest Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Twenty four Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fifth Part (the whole into twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof, with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Oliver Willard, Samuel Hunt, Joseph Willard, Zur Evans, William Syms, Zadok Wright, Amasa Wright, Lucius Doolittle, Jonathan Hunt, John Laton, Experience Davis, Thankfull Willard, Daniel Goldsmith, Obadiah Wells, George Hopson, Henry Beekman, John DePeyster Junior, John Stout, Benjamin Stout, James Wessels, Joel Mathews, James Harwood, Thomas Taylor, John Hastings Junior, and John Stevens, their Heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose Whatsoever; *All* and singular the said Tract of Twenty four Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, *Saving* and except for such part of the said Lands Allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land containing Twenty four Thousand two Hundred Acres as aforesaid hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, Together with the said Tract of five Hundred Acres of Land granted to the said Thomas Etherington as aforesaid, a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Hertford* forever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meeetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we *do* hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsover against us our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting Misbounding Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty third Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty six and of our Reign the sixth.

PUTNEY—A Confirmatory Patent

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 205-214]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as though the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and

Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas,* among others, the following Tract of Land on the West Side of Connecticut River Aforesaid at a Place known by the Name of the Great Meadows part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Putney, *Beginning* at a Stake and Stones on the Bank of the said River being the North East Corner of a Tract of Land commonly known by the name of Fulham, and runs West ten Degrees North along the Bounds of the said Tract commonly known by the Name of Fulham to the East line of another Tract of Land commonly known by the Name of Fane, then Northerly on the Bounds of the same Tract of Land commonly known by the Name of Fane and the Bounds of another Tract of Land commonly known by the Name of Townshend till it comes to the South West Corner of another Tract of Land commonly known by the Name of Westminster, and from thence East ten Degrees South till it comes to Connecticut River aforesaid, *And* from thence down the said River to the Bounds first mentioned Containing Nineteen Thousand three Hundred and sixty Acres of Land. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects, Josiah Willard and Medad Pomroy by their humble Petition[1], in Behalf of themselves and their Associates presented unto our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories Depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the tenth Day of June last past, did represent and set forth, among other Things, that the Petitioners conceiving the said Tract above described to be within our said Province of New Hampshire, did seat themselves there to the Number of about fifteen Families, under the Grant of that Government, but Finding by our royal Order in Council of the Twentieth Day of July One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four, that the said Tract falls within the Jurisdiction of our Province of New York; And being willing to secure their Possessions by our Letters Patent under the Seal of our said Province of New York, and to hold the same under our Government of New York, the said Petitioners did therefore humbly pray that the said Tract of Land might by our Letters Patent be granted unto the Petitioners and their Heirs, in the Proportion of one Thousand Acres to each Petitioner; *And* that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Putney with the Priviledges usually granted to the Townships of our said Province of New York, and under the Quit Rent and Restrictions appointed by our Royal Instructions: *Which Petition* having been then and there referred To a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our said Council for our said Province of New York did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise our said Captain General

1. Vol. 19, p. 56.

and Governor in Chief by our Letters Patent to grant to Josiah Willard, Joshua Hide, Daniel Hubbard, Josiah Willard Junior, Lois Butler, Thomas Frink, Jeremiah Hall, Joseph Hammond, Thomas Hill, Eunice Willard, Elijah Alexander, Sampson Willard, John Ellis, Henry Foster, Thomas Lee, Micah Lawrence, John Gould, James Scott and Nehemiah Houghton the Tract of Land above described under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions and that the same be erected into a Township by the Name of *Putney,* with the usual Privileges, Reserving (as was reserved in the pretended Grant above mentioned from New Hampshire) one whole Share of the Premises to the Use of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts; A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing in the said Township; a like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Township; And one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Premises. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for them the said Josiah Willard, Joshua Hide, Daniel Hubbard, Josiah Willard Junior, Lois Butler, Thomas Frink, Jeremiah Hall, Joseph Hammond, Thomas Hill, Eunice Willard, Elijah Alexander, Sampson Willard, John Ellis, Henry Foster, Thomas Lee, Micah Lawrence, John Gould, James Scott and Nehemiah Houghton, *All* that certain Tract or parcel of Land commonly called and known by the Name of the Great Meadow or, by the Name of Putney situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in our County of Cumberland and our said Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at a Stake and Stones on the Bank of the said River at a place commonly called and known by the North East Corner of Fulham[3]; and runs thence North eighty Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then North twenty Degrees East three Hundred and five Chains; then South Eighty Degrees East five Hundred and eighty Chains to the said River, and then down the Stream of the said River as it runs to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began, Containing Seventeen Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And our said Commissioners have also set out the four Lots herein after described Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract for the several and respective Uses above mentioned, that is to say; *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister

2. Return of survey with map showing public rights, vol. 21, p. 101.
3. Present Dummerston.

Major Josiah Willard, son of Colonel Josiah Willard of Keene, N. H., succeeded his father as commander at Fort Dummer in 1570, and was a member of the New Hampshire Provincial Assembly from Winchester; he was interested in land speculation in many of the townships in the "Grants".—Stackpole, History of New Hampshire, II, p. 25; Hall, History of Eastern Vermont, p. 727; Jones, Vermont in the Making, p. 212.

of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the time being residing on the said larger Tract, *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land Part of the said larger Tract. *Beginning* in the North bounds of the said larger Tract At the Distance of Twenty three Chains measured from the North West Corner of the said larger Tract; and runs thence along the said North Bounds South Eighty Degrees East eighty Chains, then South ten Degrees West thirty seven Chains and two Rods; then North eighty Degrees West eighty Chains, and then North ten Degrees East thirty seven Chains and two Rods, to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began containing three Hundred Acres of Land.—*For* the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land Part of the aforementioned larger Tract, *Beginning* at the South East Corner of the Lot or Parcel of Land herein last above mentioned and described and runs thence North eighty Degrees West eighty Chains; then South ten Degrees West thirty seven Chains and two Rods; then South eighty Degrees East eighty Chains and then North ten Degrees East thirty seven Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land.—*For* the first settled Minister in the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land Part of the larger Tract aforesaid, *Beginning* in the North Bounds of the said larger Tract at the North East Corner of the Lot or Parcel of Land herein before described, and set out as and for a Glebe as aforesaid; and runs thence along the said North Bounds of the said larger Tract South Eighty Degrees East forty Chains; then South ten Degrees West Seventy five Chains; then North eighty Degrees West forty Chains, then North ten Degrees East Seventy five Chains, to the Place where this Lot or Parcel of Land first began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land. *And* for the Use of a School Master residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land part of the aforesaid larger Tract described and distinguished by the Name and Distinction of Lot Number Six in the ninth Range of Lots laid down within the said larger Tract in a certain Map thereof annexed by our said Commissioners to their Return of the Survey thereof and therewith filed and entered of Record in our Secretary's office for our said Province of New York; The same Lot last mentioned being forty Chains in Length and twenty five Chains in Breadth, and containing one Hundred Acres of Land. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the sixth Day of this instant Month of November, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Seventeen Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways

so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the Petitioners aforesaid and their Associates above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Powers and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions hereinafter expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning every Part and Parcel thereof. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, *We* have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Josiah Willard, Joshua Hide, Daniel Hubbard, Josiah Willard Junior, Lois Butler, Thomas Frink, Jeremiah Hall, Joseph Hammond, Thomas Hill, Eunice Willard, Elijah Alexander, Sampson Willard, John Ellis, Henry Foster, Thomas Lee, Micah Lawrence, John Gould, James Scott and Nehemiah Houghton *All that* the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and form as above mentioned, Including all the aforementioned four several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land set out and described by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels thereof, Containing in the whole Seventeen Thousand two Hundred Acres of Land, besides the usual Allowance for Highways; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract of seventeen Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns forever. *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed limitted declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning the said respective four Lots herein mentioned and expressed as Parts and Parcels *Thereof* And to and for no other Use or Uses Intents or Purposes whatsover, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit

of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

—*And as* for and concerning *All* the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Seventeen Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed *To have and to hold* one full and equal Nineteenth Part (the whole into nineteen equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest, Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Josiah Willard, Joshua Hide, Daniel Hubbard, Josiah Willard Junior, Lois Butler, Thomas Frink, Jeremiah Hall, Joseph Hammond, Thomas Hill, Eunice Willard, Elijah Alexander, Sampson Willard, John Ellis, Henry Foster, Thomas Lee, Micah Lawrence, John Gould, James Scott and Nehemiah Houghton their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively forever, as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants, and to for and upon no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsover. *All* and singular the said Tract of Seventeen Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof, *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and Common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain; *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, *Saving* and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsover, for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof. *And we do,* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the said large Tract *Of* Land containing Seventeen Thousand and two Hundred Acres as aforesaid hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Putney* forever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we *do* hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City

of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained, to the Contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion Consent and agree that this our Present Grant being Registred, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned, or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *Sir Henry Moore* Baronet our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York, the fourteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, and of our Reign the seventh.

JOHN ADAIR'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 221-225]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Application having been made to us in our privy Council by our loving Subject John Adair Director of our Hospitals, praying for a Grant of Lands in our Province of New York, in order to make a Settlement thereupon, *And* we having taken the same into our Royal Consideration, and having received the Opinion of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and also of a Committee of the Lords of our said Privy Council thereupon We were pleased by our Royal Order in Council given at our Court at Saint James's the sixth Day of September which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five with the Advice of our said privy Council to order that our Governor or Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York for the Time being should immediately on the Receipt of our said Royal Order cause Five Thousand Acres of Land to be surveyed, in one contiguous Tract (and conformable to the Directions of our Instructions with Regard to the manner of Laying out Grants of Lands) in such part of our said Province as the said John Adair or his Attorney should choose, not already granted

* A mandamus grant in the vicinity of present Athens.

to or surveyed to others and not possessed or claimed by the Indians. *And* that upon a Return of such Survey, our said Governor or Commander in Chief do pass a Grant for the same to the said John Adair, under the Seal of our said Province; upon the Terms Conditions and Reservations contained in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor, and requiring our said Governor or Commander in chief and all others whom it may concern to carry our Command signified by our said Royal Order into Execution, *And Whereas* Colonel James Robertson Attorney to the said John Adair and on his Behalf by Petition[1] presented together with our said Royal Order in Council unto our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same did pray that the said five Thousand Acres of Land might be granted to the said John Adair in a Tract of Land which lyeth between two Tracts of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Townsend and Tomlinson, about six Miles West of Connecticut River according to the following Boundaries, that is to say, *Beginning at* the North East Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Townsend from thence to run North twenty Degrees East Eleven Hundred and twenty Rods by the West Lines of two Tracts of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Westminster and Rockingham to the South East Corner of the aforesaid Tract of Land known by the Name of Tomlinson; from thence by the South Line of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Tomlinson which runs North Eighty Degrees West Seven Hundred and ninety Rods; from thence South Twenty Degrees West Eleven Hundred and twenty Rods to the North Line of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Townsend; from thence Easterly by the North Line of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Townsend to the Bounds first mentioned. *Wherefore* in Obedience to our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said John Adair, *All* that certain Tract of Land situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in our County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] In the West Line of the said Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Westminster[3] at the North East Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Captain Archibald Hamilton[4], and runs thence North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred and Ninety seven Chains and two Rods, then North Twenty Degrees East two Hundred and eighty Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East One Hundred and Ninety

1. Vol. 21, p. 1.
2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 23, p. 79. Attention is called to a map dated June 27, 1766, showing vacant lands between Westminster and Townsend, and fixing the locations of John Adair and Archibald Hamilton, vol. 21, p. 47; see also map dated August 13, 1766, vol. 21, p. 112.
3. See p. 321 post.
4. Vol. 21, p. 112.

seven Chains and two Rods; Then South Twenty Degrees West two Hundred and forty Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions for that purpose, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the second Day of April now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear; *Which* said Tract of Land so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said John Adair his Heirs and Assigns for ever. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, *We have* given, granted, ratified and confirmed, *And do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto him the said John Adair his Heirs and Assigns forever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said John Adair his Heirs and Assigns, *To* the only proper Use and Behoof of the said John Adair his Heirs and Assigns for ever; *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever

for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always, and upon Condition nevertheless that if the said John Adair, his Heirs or Assigns, shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted, so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or,* if he the said John Adair his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, Plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if the said John Adair, his Heirs or Assigns, or any other person or persons, by his, their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors, for so Doing, first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained, shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, *And We do* hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do Moreover* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, That this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, or any part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, *Witness* our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the sixteenth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven, and of our Reign the seventh, In Pursuance of and in Obedience to our Commands signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid.

BEEKMAN*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 334-340]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subjects William Beekman, Richard Bancker, William Beekman Junior, Abraham Beekman, James Beekman, Robert Rutgers, Mary Beekman, Abraham De Lancy, Abraham De Lancy Junior, Francis Child, William Feris, Rudolphus Van Dyck, Garrit Kettletas, John Sydell, Elias Jones, Francis Marschalck, Andrew Marschalck, John Vredenbergh, James Cobham, Hendrick Suydam, Cornelius Vanderveer, Jacobus Vanderveer, Adrian Voorhis, Johannes Ditmars, Jacob Suydam, Thomas Hammersly, John J. Kip, Peter Goelet, Eleazer Miller Junior and Benjamin Jones, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Thirteenth Day of July one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty eight, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners had at considerable Expence discovered a certain Tract of Land situate on the West Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany, As also an Island in the said Lake commonly called Long Island, Which said Tract of Land and Island are vacant vested in us and wholly uncultivated. The said Tract of Land *Beginning* at a certain Bay commonly called Bay des Francois, which lies nearly West of the South End of Isle a Motte and holding the Shore of the said Lake for its Eastern Boundary, to extend Southerly to the North East Corner of a Certain Tract of Land commonly called Cumberland Head petitioned for in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six by Lieutenant Abraham Low, thence extending Westerly and Southerly so far as will with the said Long Island include the Quantity of one Thousand Acres for each of the Petitioners; And therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioners and their Heirs and Assigns the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Acres of the above described Lands, including therein the said Island, in the Proportion of One Thousand Acres to each of the Petitioners. *Which Petition* having been then and there referred to a Committee of our said Council, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant to the Petitioners in the said Petition named, and their Heirs, the Lands therein described according to the Prayer of the said Petition, Under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* the

* Present North Hero, granted as part of the township of Beekman.

1. Vol. 24, p. 126.

said William Beekman and William Beekman junior by their humble Petition[2] in Behalf of themselves and their Associates presented unto our said Captain General and Governor in Chief, and read in our said Council on the first Day of March Instant, did set forth, That in Pursuance of our said Captain General and Governor in Chief's Warrant bearing Date the thirteenth Day of July last a certain Tract of Land on the West Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany, As also an Island in the said Lake commonly called Long Island had been surveyed for the Petitioners and their Associates, And did therefore humbly pray that the said Lands might be erected into a Township by the Name of Beekman, *Whereupon* it was ordered by our said Captain General and Governor in Chief by and with the Advice and consent of our said Council, that in our Grant or Letters Patent to issue for the said Lands and the said Island, proper Clauses be inserted Erecting, Creating and Constituting the same a Township by the Name of Beekman, with the usual Powers, Privileges and Immunities granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Obedience* therefore to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said William Beekman, Richard Bancker, William Beekman, Junior, Abraham Beekman, James Beekman, Robert Rutgers, Mary Beekman, Abraham De Lancy, Abraham De Lancy Junior, Francis Child, William Feris, Rudolphus Van Dyck, Garrit Kettletas, John Sydell, Elias Jones, Francis Marschalk, Andrew Marschalck, John Vredenburgh, James Cobham, Hendrick Suydam, Cornelius Van Derveer, Jacobus Van Derveer, Adrian Voorhis, Johannis Ditmars, Jacob Suydam, Thomas Hammersly, John J Kip, Peter Goelet, Eleazer Miller Junior and Benjamin Jones *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York; as also an Island in the said Lake, commonly called Long Island[3] Containing Seven Thousand five Hundred and twenty five Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *The* said Tract of Land *Beginning*[4] on the West Bank of the said Lake at the Distance of thirty six Chains measured on a Course North forty three Degrees West from a Bass Wood Tree standing on the West Bank of the said Lake at the North East Corner of a Neck of Land called Cumberland Head or Point, And this Tract runs from the said Place of Beginning West six Hundred and ninety one Chains; Then North three Hundred and forty Chains; Then East eight Hundred and fifty six Chains to the said Lake; and then along the Lake as it runs to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Twenty two Thousand four Hundred and seventy five Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; The said Tract of Land and the said Island Containing together Thirty Thousand Acres

2. Vol. 25, p. 70.
3. Now North Hero.
4. Bounds mentioned in petition re controversy in laying out the township, vol. 25, p. 129.

of Land the the usual Allowance for Highways; *And in Setting out* the said Tract of Land and Island aforesaid, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land or Island doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof Under their Hands bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of this Instant Month of March and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land and Island set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns forever, with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted ratified and confirmed; And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said William Beekman, Richard Bancker, William Beekman Junior, Abraham Beekman, James Beekman, Robert Rutgere, Mary Beekman, Abraham De Lancy, Abraham De Lancy Junior, Francis Child, William Feris, Rudolphus Van Dyck, Garrit Kettletas, John Sydell, Elias Jones, Francis Marschalck, Andrew Marschalck, John Vredenburgh, James Cobham, Hendrick Suydam, Cornelius Van Derveer, Jacobus Van Derveer, Adrian Voorhis, Johannes Ditmars, Jacob Suydam, Thomas Hammersly, John J. Kip, Peter Goelet, Eleazer Miller Junior, and Benjamin Jones, their Heirs and Assigns forever, *All* that the Tract of Land and Island aforesaid, set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Island and Premises, and every Part and parcel thereof; And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirtieth Part (the whole into Thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract of Land, Island, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned, their Heirs and Assigns respectively; *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively forever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants; *To be holden* of us; our Heirs and Successors in Free and Common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain; *Yielding* Render-

ing and Paying therefore, Yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands, Island and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the Tract of Land and Island herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, And by the Name of *Beekman* forever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless; *And* we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in Law, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Island, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York, the Twenty seventh Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty nine and of our Reign the ninth.

GRAND ISLE or GREAT ISLAND*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 398-403]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Elkanah Deane, Elkanah Deane Junior, Richard Deane, Nesbitt Deane William Deane, John Deane and Samuel Deane in behalf of themselves and twenty three others their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and welbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the seventh day of July which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six did set forth; That the greatest Number of the Petitioners lately arrived with their Families from Ireland with an intention to settle in our said Province, and that the whole of the Petitioners were in want of a good Tract of Land suitable for themselves and their Families to settle upon; That there is a certain Island in Lake Champlain commonly called Grand Isle or Great Island within the Bounds of our said Province, which remains vested in us, and therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever, the Quantity of thirty thousand Acres of Land fit for Cultivation and Improvement to be divided into thirty equal Parts or the whole of the said Island should it be found not to contain that Quantity to be divided as aforesaid. Which Petition having been then and there read and referred to a Committee of our Council of our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates, their Heirs and Assigns the Tract of Land or Island aforesaid, or a Quantity thereof not exceeding thirty thousand Acres under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* the said Elkanah Deane Senior, Elkanah Deane Junior, Richard Deane, Nesbitt Deane, William Deane, John Deane and Samuel Deane, and twenty three other Persons their Associates did by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our said Captain General and Governor in Chief, and read in our said Council on the twelfth day of November in the said Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty six set forth That they had made an actual Survey of Great Island in Lake Champlain in Consequence of the Grant of their former Petition for thirty thousand Acres of Land. That the said Island contains only the Quantity of sixteen thousand Acres and the usual Allowance for Highways

* Present townships of South Hero and Grand Isle.

1. Vol. 20, p. 109.
2. Vol. 21, p. 31.

and would not be sufficient for the Accommodation of the Petitioners and the Number of Families which they intended should settle there; That the Petitioners hoping Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased to grant them the remainder in some of our vacant Lands contiguous to the said Island had been at considerable Expence and Trouble to find out other Lands suitable for the Settlement, which they had found on the West side of the said Lake, and therefore they the said Petitioners did humbly pray a Grant to them and their Heirs of a Tract of Land containing fourteen thousand Acres, to be bounded on the Southward by a West Line from the Bottom of the Bay Des Francois, and being bounded on the Eastward by the said Lake, to extend so far Northward and Westerly as to contain the said Quantity. Which Petition having been then and there read and referred to a Committee of our said Council, Our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Quantity of fourteen thousand Acres of the vacant Lands described in their said last mentioned Petition under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions: *And Whereas* the said Elkanah Deane Senior, Elkanah Deane Junior, Richard Deane William Deane and Nesbitt Deane by their humble Petition[3] presented and read in our said Council on the eighteenth day of January now last past did set forth, That the Petitioners and their Associates formerly obtained an Order for granting to them Two Tracts of Land containing together thirty thousand Acres; That among the Persons interested therein there are two Minors to wit John Deane and Samuel Deane, and therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that instead of the Names of the said John Deane and Samuel Deane, the Names of Gabriel Sprong and Samuel Waldron might be inserted in the Letters Patent for the said Lands. Whereupon it was ordered by our said Captain General and Governor in Chief with the Advice of Our said Council, that the Names of the said Gabriel Sprong and Samuel Waldron should be inserted in the said Letters Patent instead of the Names of the said two Minors John Deane and Samuel Deane. *In Obedience* therefore to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Elkanah Deane, Elkanah Deane Junior Richard Deane, Nesbitt Deane, William Deane, Gabriel Sprong and Samuel Waldron and their Associates to wit Israel Horsefield, Thomas Everit, Thomas Holland, Christopher Codwise, Benjamin Stakes, Nicholas Van Dam, Alexander Forbes, John Carpender, William Stewart, James Stocker, A. Hawkes Hay, Samuel Smith, Thomas Stewart, Robert Boyd, Robert Hargrave, Mary Deane Senior, Edward Joyce, Francis Koffler, William Campbell, Richard Slack, Christopher Duychinck, Elizabeth Deane Senior and Thomas Rhodes,

3. Vol. 25, p. 6.

All that certain Tract or Parcel or Land situate lying and being on the West side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within Our Province of New York as also an Island in the said Lake commonly called and known by the Name of Grand Isle[4] containing sixteen Thousand and five hundred Acres of Land. *The said Tract of Land* Beginning on the West Bank of the said Lake at the distance of three Miles measured on a Line running South from the Mouth of the Northernmost of the two Brooks called the Rivers Chazy; and runs from the said place of Beginning West Six hundred and ten Chains; Then South two hundred and eighty Chains; Then East four hundred and thirty Chains to Lake Champlain and then along the said Lake as it runs to the Place where this Tract began, containing thirteen thousand five hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: The said Tract of Land and the said Island containing together Thirty thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And* in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land and Island aforesaid, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land and Island or either of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty first day of March now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for Our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract or Parcel of Land and Island set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever. *Know Ye* That of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed and Do by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Elkanah Deane, Elkanah Deane Junior, Richard Deane, Nesbitt Deane, William Deane, Gabriel Sprong, Samuel Waldron, Israel Horsefield, Thomas Everitt, Thomas Holland, Christopher Codwise, Benjamin Stakes, Nicholas Van Dam, Alexander Forbes, John Carpender, William Stewart, James Stocker, A Hawks Hay, Samuel Smith, Thomas Stewart, Robert Boyd, Robert Hargrave, Mary Deane Senior, Edward Joyce, Francis Koffler, William Campbell, Richard Slack, Christopher Duychinck, Elizabeth Deane Senior and Thomas Rhodes their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land and the Island aforesaid, set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand

4. Survey made by petitioners—statement in certificate of commissioners appointed for the setting out of all lands granted by New York.

Elkanah Deane was listed as a Coachmaker on October 29, 1765, in Burghers and Freemen of New York, p. 212, New York Historical Collections, p. 516.

whatsoever of in and to the same Lands, Island and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof; Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors for ever all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal *Thirtieth Part,* (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Island, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees abovementioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively to their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of Us, Our Heirs and Successors in free and common Soccage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto Us, our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and Island, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Land and Island allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands, Island and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land and Island hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract and Island, *Or* if they our said Grantees or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid Plant and effectually Cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation. Or if they our said Grantees or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal License of Us our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises

hereby granted, shall revert to and vest in Us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for Our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And We do* moreover of Our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, That this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Island, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said Trusty and welbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. *At* our Fort in Our City of New York the Eleventh day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine, and of Our Reign the Ninth.

WARRENS TOWN*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 418-423]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Garret Slover, Samuel Loudon, Robert Ewing, Rudolphus Ritzema, Samuel Kissam, John Valleau, John Winn, John Kelly, John Woodward, John Shipboy, Daniel McCormick, *Daniel* Neil John Debow and James A. Stewart by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the twenty second day of July which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty Six,

* Part of present Athens and Townsend.

1. Vol. 20, p. 122; also vol. 21, p. 30.

did set forth, among other Things, That there is a certain Tract of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in our said Province between two Tracts of Land commonly called or known by the Names of Townsend and Tomlinson, and to the Southward of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Kent, containing fourteen thousand Acres which the Petitioners had discovered to be vacant and unpatented, and being desirous to cultivate and improve the same: The Petitioners therefore humbly prayed that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and to their respective heirs the Quantity of one thousand Acres each of the vacant Lands aforesaid. *And* that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of *Warrens Town* with the Powers and Privileges usually granted to Townships within our said Province. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council of our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the third day of November in the said Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners respectively and their respective heirs the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the vacant Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the whole Tract to be granted should be erected into a Township by the Name of *Warrens Town* with the usual Priveleges: *And Whereas* the said several Petitioners abovenamed have by their farther Petition[2] presented unto our Trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America on the third day of this Instant Month of November, set forth and suggested, that they have at considerable Expence procured an actual Survey of the Lands aforesaid, and that the same though part of the Lands formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire, have not been granted by that Government, but still remain vacant and vested in us, and have therefore humbly prayed that Letters Patent granting the said Lands to the Petitioners might forthwith issue agreable to the Prayer of their said first recited Petition: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our Royal Instructions aforesaid, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for them the said Garret Slover, Samuel Loudon, Robert Ewing, Rudolphus Ritzema, Samuel Kissam, John Valleau, John Winn, John Kelly, John Woodward, John Shipboy, Daniel M^{c}Cormick, Daniel Neil, John Debow, and James A. Stewart, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York situate lying and being on the West

2. Vol. 26, p. 21.

side of Connecticutt River in the County of Cumberland Beginning[3] at a Beach Tree marked with the Words *The Northwest Corner of Townsend* having three large Stones placed round the said Tree, and runs thence South Eighty degrees East three hundred and seven Chains and two Rods Then North twenty degrees East two hundred and eighty Chains; then North eighty degrees West three hundred and seven Chains and two Rods; then North twenty seven degrees East fifty two Chains; Then North eighty degrees West one hundred and twenty Chains; then South twenty degrees West five hundred and fifty two Chains; then South seventy degrees East one hundred and twelve Chains, and then North twenty degrees East two hundred and forty Chains to the beforementioned Beach Tree where this Tract first began, containing fourteen thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the fourth day of this Instant Month of November and entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province may more fully appear: Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns forever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned; *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Garret Slover, Samuel Loudon, Robert Ewing, Rudolphus Ritzema, Samuel Kissam, John Valleau, John Winn, John Kelly, John Woodward, John Shipboy, Daniel M^{c}Cormick, Daniel Neil, John DeBow, and James A Stewart their heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and *Sucessors To have and to hold* one full and equal fourteenth Part (the whole into fourteen equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 18.

and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and separate Use and behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants *To be* holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Soccage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the Yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And We do* of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of Warrens Town for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisons granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, anything before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion Consent and agree That this Our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in anywise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made

Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America *At* Our Fort in Our City of New York the Eighth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine and of Our Reign the Tenth.

CAMDEN*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 439-444]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting *Whereas* Our loving Subject Robert R. Livingston Esquire, and thirty four other Persons his Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and welbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the Sixth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, did among other Things set forth, That there was a certain Tract of Land situate on the West side of Connecticut River within our said Province, which the Petitioners had discovered to be vacant and unpatented, between the Tracts of Land commonly called or known by the Names of Somerset, Stratton and Windhall on the West, and the Tracts of Land commonly called or known by the Names of New Fane and Townsend on the East, and bounded on the North partly by a Tract of Land prayed for by Garret Slover and others, containing by estimation about the Quantity of thirty five thousand Acres. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray, that as the aforesaid Lands never were granted under the Province of New Hampshire, our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and to their respective heirs and Assigns for ever the aforesaid Tract of Land containing thirty five thousand Acres. And that the same might be formed into a Township by the Name of Camden with the usual Privileges that are granted to other Townships within our said Province. *Which* Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council of our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the Seventh day of November in the Year aforesaid, in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said Late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioners and their said Associates and their heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid. And that the same should thereby be erected into a Township by the Name of Camden, with the usual Privileges; under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and

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* Part of Jamaica, Wardsboro and Dover.

1. Vol. 22, p. 45.

Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And whereas* the said Robert R. Livingston Esquire, by his humble Petition[2] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and welbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our said Council on the twentieth day of October now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioner and his Associates having obtained on their former Petition an Order of our said late Governor Sir Henry Moore with the Advice and Consent of our said Council, bearing date the seventh day of November in the said Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty six, for granting to them and their heirs a certain Tract of Land on the West side of Connecticut River containing thirty five thousand Acres, had procured an actual Survey thereof at a considerable Expence. That the same tho' within the Lands formerly claimed by our Government of New Hampshire hath not been granted by that Government and remains still vacant and vested in Us. And therefore the Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates did humbly pray that they might have leave when the Letters Patent should issue for the said Lands to insert as Grantees therein the Names mentioned in the Schedule or List at the Foot of the said Petition, who are all the Persons interested in the Premises, to wit Robert R. Livingston, Robert R. Livingston Junior, John Will, Henry Will, Philip Will, John Skeffington, Christian Will, Isaac Stoutenburgh, William Scott, Peter Montanye, Richard Nassau Stevens, Benjamin Jones, James Yeoman, John Vernor, John Collins, John Wilson, George Shaw, John Bowles, Catharine Bowles, John Lewis, Andrew Myer, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Henry Brevort John M^{c}Dooal, John Keen, Alexander Maccullagh, James Bennet, Thomas Ryan Henry Wells, John Stout, William DePeyster, Adolph DeGrove, Robert Griffith, Henry Beeckman and Thomas Brookman: On reading and due Consideration whereof it was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief with the Advice and Consent of our said Council of our said Province that the Names of the several Persons aforesaid should be inserted as Grantees in the Letters Patent for the Lands described in the said Petition according to the Prayer thereof. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province; have set out for them the said Robert R. Livingston, Robert R. Livingston Junior, John Will Henry Will, Philip Will, John Skeffington, Christian Will, Isaac Stoutenburgh, William Scott, Peter Montanye, Richard Nassau Stevens, Benjamin Jones, James Yeoman, John Vernor, John Collins, John Wilson, George Shaw, John Bowles, Catharine Bowles, John Lewis, Andrew Myer, Isaac Rychman Junior, Henry Brevort, John M^{c}Dooal, John Keen, Alexander Maccullagh, James Bennett, Thomas Ryan, Henry Wells, John Stout, William DePeyster, Adolph

2. Vol. 26, p. 12.

DeGrove, Robert Griffiths, Henry Beekman and Thomas Brookman, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland, *Beginning*[3] at a Stake having a heap of Stones round it set up for the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of the Township of New Fane[4]; and runs thence South twenty degrees West three hundred and sixty seven Chains; then North Eighty degrees West Two hundred and Sixty three Chains; then North ten degrees East Sixty three Chains; Then North Eighty degrees West One hundred and twenty Chains; Then North ten degrees East Nine hundred and forty five Chains; Then South eighty degrees East four hundred and forty three Chains; Then South twenty degrees West three hundred and ninety Chains; then North seventy degrees West One hundred and six Chains and three Rods; then South twenty degrees West two hundred and forty Chains; Then South seventy degrees East two hundred and eighteen Chains and three Rods to the said Stake where this Tract first began containing thirty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the third day of this Instant Month of November, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear, which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant unto the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Robert R Livingston, Robert R Livingston Junior, John Will,

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3. Return of survey not located.
4. See p. 347 post.

On Nov. 13, 1766 Livingston filed a petition for land included in Windhall to make 35,000 acres. This petition was accompanied by a schedule and a map or plan, showing deficiency. See vol. 22, p. 61. And on September 23, 1771 Livingston filed another petition for an "Explanatory" grant of the township, based on an error in location, accompanied with a map showing location of lands and error claimed. See vol. 30, p. 4.

Robert R. Livingston of Clermont was judge of the court for trying offenses committed at sea in 1760; in 1763 appointed one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of New York; represented Duchess County in the Assembly from 1759 to 1768, and was one of the commissioners on the jurisdictional line between Massachusetts and New York. He died in 1775.—N. Y. Col. Mss., vol. VIII, p. 192.

Robert R. Livingston Jr. became a celebrated jurist, and was one of the commissioners in settling the New York-Vermont controversy and in the formation and erection of the new state.—N. Y. Col. Mss., vol. VIII, p. 192; History of Eastern Vermont, Hall, p. 558.

Henry Will, Philip Will, John Skeffington, Christian Will, Isaac Stoutenburgh, William Scott, Peter Mantanye, Richard Nassau Stevens, Benjamin Jones, James Yeoman, John Vernor, John Collins, John Wilson, George Shaw, John Bowles, Catharine Bowles, John Lewis, Andrew Myer, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Henry Brevort John McDooall, John Keen, Alexander Maccullagh, James Bennett, Thomas Ryan, Henry Wells, John Stout, William DePeyster, Adolph DeGrove, Robert Griffith, Henry Beekman and Thomas Brookman their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, and also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof; Except and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto Us our heirs and Successors for ever all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* One full and equal thirty fifth Part (the whole into thirty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants *To* be holden of Us our heirs and Successors in free and common Soccage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto Us our heirs and Successors forever at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation Of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for highways as abovementioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *And We do* of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Camden* forever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for Us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in *these* Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And We do* moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfecton or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof *We* have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America *At* Our Fort in Our City of New York the thirteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine and of our Reign the Tenth.

ROYALTON

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 431-436]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects William Livingston, William Smith junior, and Whitehead Hicks, in behalf of themselves and twenty seven other Persons their Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province, on the third day of November which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six, did set forth, among other Things, That there was a certain Tract of Land situate

1. Vol. 22, p. 35.

on the West side of Connecticut River within our said Province, which the Petitioners had discovered to be vacant and unpatented; bounded Easterly by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Sharon, and Southerly by another Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Bernard, and Northerly by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Tunbridge, and to run Westerly so as to comprehend Thirty thousand Acres: *And* therefore the Petitioners for themselves and their Associates humbly prayed that as the aforesaid Lands never were granted under our Province of New Hampshire, our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their Associates, and to their respective heirs and Assigns for ever, the aforesaid Tract of Land containing thirty thousand Acres: And that the same might be formed into a Township by the Name of Royalton, with the usual Powers and Privileges that are granted to Townships within Our said Province: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of Our Council of Our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the Seventh day of November in the Year aforesaid, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioners and their Associates and their heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid and that the same should be thereby erected into a Township by the Name Of Royalton with the usual Privileges, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And whereas* the said William Livingston and Whitehead Hicks by their humble Petition[2] in behalf of themselves and their Associates presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in our Council for our said Province on the twentieth day of October now last past, did set forth That the Petitioners and their Associates having obtained on their former Petition an Order of our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief with the advice and Consent of our said Council, bearing date the seventh day of November in the said Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, for granting to them and their heirs a certain Tract of Land on the West side of Connecticut River containing thirty thousand Acres, had procured an actual Survey thereof at considerable Expence: That the same tho' within the Lands formerly claimed by the said Province of New Hampshire, had not been granted by that Government, and remains still vacant and vested in us; And therefore the Petitioners in behalf of themselves and their Associates did humbly pray that they might have Leave when the Letters Patent should issue for the said Lands to insert as Grantees therein, the Names mentioned in the Schedule or List at the Foot of the said Petition, who

2. Vol. 26, p. 13.

are all the Persons interested in the Premises, to wit, William Livingston, William Smith junior, Whitehead Hicks, John Kelly, Susannah Livingston, Elizabeth Livingston, John Brevort, Elias Brevort, Thomas Hicks, John Woods, Gilbert Hicks, John W Smith, Samuel Smith, Garret Noel, John Brown, Gerard Bancker, John Robinson, Gilbert Ash, William Sorrall, John Dutton Crumshier, Garret Roorback, John McKenney, Isaac Heron, Elias Nixon, Robert Hyslop, Francis Child, James Moran, Isaac Myer, John Lewis and Samuel Boyer: On reading and due Consideration whereof, It was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, with the Advice and Consent of our said Council, that the Names of the several Persons aforesaid should be inserted as Grantees in the Letters Patent for the Lands described in the said Petition, according to the Prayer thereof. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our Royal Instructions aforesaid, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said William Livingston, William Smith junior, Whitehead Hicks, John Kelly, Susannah Livingston, Elizabeth Livingston, John Brevort, Elias Brevort, Thomas Hicks, John Woods, Gilbert Hicks, John W Smith, Samuel Smith, Garret Noel, John Brown, Gerard Bancker, John Robinson, Gilbert Ash, William Sorrall, John Dutton Crumshier, Garret Roorback, John McKenney, Isaac Heron, Elias Nixon, Robert Hyslop, Francis Child, James Moran, Isaac Myer, John Lewis and Samuel Boyer, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland: *Beginning*[3] at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of Sharon, being a Beech Tree marked with the Words *The South east Corner of Royalton,* and runs thence North sixty degrees West six hundred and twenty Chains; then North forty degrees East five hundred and thirty Chains; Then South fifty seven degrees and thirty Minutes East Six hundred and eighteen Chains; and then South forty degrees West five hundred Chains, to the Beech Tree where this Tract first began containing thirty thousand Acres of Land and the usual

3. Return of survey not located.

See vol. 29, p. 100 for deed of partition of the township; and vol. 33, p. 92 for draft of a deed of partition between William Livingston, Goldsbrow Banyar, Whitehead Hicks, William Kelly and John Smith, conveying in fee several lots to William Livingston.

William Smith, Jr., a celebrated jurist and historian of New York; Chief Justice of the Province of New York; member of the Council, was a loyalist and in 1783 went to England. He was Chief Justice of Lower Canada from 1786 to the time of his death in 1793.—Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography; N. Y. Col. Mss., vol. VIII, p. 594; vol. VII, p. 908.

Whitehead Hicks, lawyer, was clerk of Queens County in 1752; mayor of New York from 1766 to 1776, and Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, 1776-1780.—Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography; N. Y. Col. Mss., vol. VIII, p. 594.

William Livingston was governor of New Jersey.—N. Y. Col. Mss., vol. VIII, p. 594.

Allowance for Highways: *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the seventh day of this Instant Month of November, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates, their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, *We* have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said William Livingston, William Smith junior, Whitehead Hicks, John Kelly, Susannah Livingston, Elizabeth Livingston, John Brevort, Elias Brevort, Thomas Hicks, John Woods, Gilbert Hicks, John W Smith, Samuel Smith, Garret Noel, John Brown, Gerard Bancker, John Robinson, Gilbert Ash, William Sorrall, John Dutton Crumshier, Garret Roorback, John M^cKenney, Isaac Heron, Elias Nixon, Robert Hyslop, Francis Child, James Moran, Isaac Myer, John Lewis and Samuel Boyer their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and form as above mentioned, together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, to their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants *To be holden* of Us our heirs and Successors in free and common Soccage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York

unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of tbe blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of of [sic] the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof; *And We* do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Royalton* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township, authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless *And* we do hereby for us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registred and entered on Record within Six Months from the date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against Us our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said trusty and welbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the thirteenth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty nine and of our Reign the Tenth.

KEMPETON*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 447-452]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall Come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subject Pierre G. DePeyster and thirty four other Persons his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the third day of November which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty six did set forth, among other Things, That there was a certain Tract of Land situate on the West side of Connecticut River, within our said Province, which the Petitioners had discovered to be vacant and unpatented, lying to the Westward of and adjoining to a Tract of Land commonly known by the Name of Topsham, and to the Northward of Lands Petitioned for by William Livingston, William Smith junior Whitehead Hicks and others; And that the Petitioners were desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent for the said Tract of vacant and unappropriated Land intending to improve and Cultivate the same: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray, that as the aforesaid Lands never were granted under our Province of New Hampshire, and were vacant, our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to Grant unto them and their respective heirs and Assigns for ever, the aforesaid Tract of Land in the Proportion of one thousand Acres to each of the Petitioners; And that the same might be formed into a Township by the Name of Kempeton with the usual Powers and Priveleges that are granted to other Townships within our said Province: *Which Petition* having been then and there read and referred to a Committee of Our Council of our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the Seventh day of the said Month of November humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief; should by our Letters Patent, grant unto the Petitioners and their Heirs in the Proportion of one thousand Acres to each Petitioner, the Tract of Land aforesaid, and that the same should be thereby erected into a Township with the usual Priveleges by the Name of Kempeton, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions *And Whereas* the said Pierre G. DePeyster by his humble Petition[2] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our said Council on the Seventh day of this Instant Month of November did set forth

* Present Orange and vicinity.

1. Vol. 21, p. 159.
2. Vol. 26, p.11.

that the Petitioner and his Associates, to the Number of Thirty five Persons, obtained on their former Petition an Order of our said late Captain General *And* Governor in Chief with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council bearing date the said seventh day of November in the said Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty six, for granting to them and their heirs a certain Tract of Land on the West side of Connecticut River containing thirty five thousand Acres; That having obtained thereupon a Warrant for surveying the said Lands they were at considerable Expence in surveying the same, and finding within the Limits prescribed no more than about Sixteen thousand Acres of Land fit for Cultivation, several of the Petitioners Associates relinquished their Interest in the Lands so surveyed to the Petitioner and his present Associates. That the said Lands though within the Limits formerly claimed by the said Government of New Hampshire have not been granted by that Government, and remain still vacant and vested in us: And therefore the Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates did humbly pray that the Letters Patent ordered on their former Petition might issue only for the Lands so found fit for Cultivation, not exceeding in the whole the Quantity of Sixteen thousand Acres, and in the Names of the Petitioner and his Associates mentioned in the Schedule or List at the Foot of the Petition herein last recited, who are all the Persons now interested in the Premises, to wit, Pierre G DePeyster, Frederick Carroll, Alexander Forster, Thomas Ryan, William Barker, Joseph Beck, William Thorne, Walter Thomas, Henry Thomas, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Jacob Wilkins, Richard Graham, William Manoe, John Lamb, Gifford Dalley, and John Marshall: On reading and due Consideration whereof, it was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid, with the Advice and Consent of Our said Council of Our said Province, that the Letters Patent Ordered on the said former Petition should issue only for the Lands so found fit for Cultivation not exceeding in the whole the Quantity of sixteen thousand Acres, And in the Names of the several Persons hereinbefore mentioned and inserted in the Schedule or List aforesaid according to the Prayer of the said last recited Petition. In *Pursuance whereof* and in Obedience to our Royal Instructions aforesaid, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said Pierre G DePeyster, Frederick Carrol, Alexander Forster, Thomas Ryan, William Barker, Joseph Beck, William Thorne, Walter Thomas, Henry Thomas, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Jacob Wilkins, Richard Graham, William Manoe, John Lamb, Gifford Dalley, and John Marshall, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the West side of Connecticut River, Beginning[3] at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Land surveyed in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven for Nathaniel Marston[4], Gabriel Ludlow, Charles

3. Return of survey with map, vol. 26, p. 28.
4. Kingsland, now Washington, vol. 23, p. 137. See p. 110 post.

Williams, and twenty one other Persons, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said Tract and the North Bounds of a Tract of Land lately granted to Richard Williams[5] and Gilbert King, North fifty seven degrees West seven hundred and fifty nine Chains and one Rod; then North thirty degrees East two hundred and twenty three Chains; then South fifty seven degrees East seven hundred and thirty seven Chains; then South twenty degrees West One hundred and three Chains; and then South thirty degrees West one hundred and twenty Chains, to the Place where this Tract first began, containing sixteen thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; and in setting out the said Tract of Land, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twentieth day of this Instant Month of November, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his Associates their Heirs and Assigns forever, with the several Priveleges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm, unto them the said Pierre G DePeyster, Frederick Carrol, Alexander Forster, Thomas Ryan, William Barker, Joseph Beck, William Thorne, Walter Thomas, Henry Thomas, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Jacob Wilkins, Richard Graham, William Manoe, John Lamb, Gifford Dalley, and John Marshall their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned: Together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining: *And* also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. Except and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards, at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* One full and equal Sixteenth Part (The whole into sixteen equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements

5. Vol. 26, p. 25.

Pierre de Peyster was listed as an alderman of New York City on October 9, 1753, in Burghers and Freemen of New York, p. 516, New York Historical Society Collections.

Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and Confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, to their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of Us our heirs and Successors in free and common Soccage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefor yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And We do* of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Kempeton* forever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the

Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America: At Our Fort in our City of New York, the twenty fourth day of November in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, and of our Reign the Tenth.

MIDDLESEX*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, pp. 524-530]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our loving Subject Augustus Van Cortlandt and thirty four other Persons his Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the third day of December which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, did set forth That there was a certain Tract of Land situate on the West side of Connecticut River within our said Province, which the Petitioners had discovered to be vacant and unpatented, bounded Easterly partly on a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Bernard, and partly on another Tract of Land then known by the Name of Linfield. Northerly on the North Bounds of the County of Cumberland, Westerly on the West side of the said County: Southerly upon the North Line of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Stockbridge, and continuing the North Line of the last mentioned Tract West until it comes to the West Bounds of the aforesaid County of Cumberland: *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that (as the aforesaid Lands never were granted under the Government of New Hampshire, were vacant and had not before been applied for by any Person or Persons) our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them respectively and to each of their respective heirs and Assigns, the Quantity of one thousand Acres thereof, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council of our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Augustus Van Cortlandt and to each of the other Petitioners named in the said Petition and their respective heirs, the Quantity of one thou-

* Easterly portion of present Randolph and Bethel.

1. Vol. 22, p. 52.

sand Acres of the vacant Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions. *And whereas* the said Augustus Van Cortlandt and Frederick Van Cortlandt Isaac Low and Augustus Van Horne, in behalf of themselves and their Associates, did by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and welbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our said Council on the twentieth day of October now last past, set forth, that the Petitioners and their Associates having obtained on their former Petition, an Order of our said Captain General and Governor in Chief with the advice and consent of our said Council bearing date the third day of December which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six for granting to them and their heirs, the Quantity of thirty five thousand Acres of a certain Tract of Land on the West side of Connecticut River, had procured an actual Survey thereof at considerable Expence: That the same tho' within the Lands formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire, hath not been granted by that Government, and remains still vacant and vested in us: *And therefore* the Petitioners in behalf of themselves and their Associates, did humbly pray that they might have Leave when the Letters Patent should issue for the said Lands, to insert as Grantees therein, the Names mentioned in the Schedule or List at the Foot of the said Petition, who are all the Persons interested in the Premises, to wit Augustus Van Cortlandt, Isaac Low, Frederick Van Cortlandt, Augustus Van Horne, John Jay, Egbert Benson, Arent Schuyler, Thomas Ryan, John McKenney, Andrew Hammersley, Edward Smith, Hendrick Quackenboss, Joseph Jadwin, Thomas Hyat, John Lewis, John Woods, Roger Richards, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Gerardus Bancker, William McDermott, Joseph Greswold, Thomas Greswold, Joseph Hildreth, Philip Kissick, John Cozine Junior, James Van Cortlandt, Dirck DeLamater, James Moran, William Kennedy, Thomas Grigg, William Gillilan, James Seagrove, John Outhout, John Keen and Stewart Wilson: On reading and due Consideration whereof It was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief with the Advice and Consent of our said Council, that the Names of the several Persons aforesaid, should be inserted as Grantees in the Letters Patent for the Lands described in the said Petition according to the Prayer thereof; And that the said Lands should by the said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Middlesex, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said Augustus Van Cortlandt, Isaac Low, Frederick Van Cortlandt, Augustus Van Horne, John

2. Vol. 26, pp. 14, 15 (In duplicate).

Jay, Egbert Benson, Arent Schuyler, Thomas Ryan, John McKenney Andrew Hammersley, Edward Smith, Hendrick Quackenboss, Joseph Jadwin, Thomas Hyat, John Lewis, John Woods, Roger Richards, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Gerardus Bancker, William McDermot, Joseph Greswold, Thomas Greswold, Joseph Hildreth, Philip Kissick, John Cozine junior, James Van Cortlandt, Dirck DeLamator, James Moran, William Kennedy, Thomas Grigg, William Gilliland, James Seagrove, John Outhout, John Keen, and Stewart Wilson, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the West side of Connecticut River within our Province of New York; Beginning[3] at a Beech Tree marked with the Letters and Figures *P M E W* 1767, for the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land surveyed for the Governors of Kings College[4]; and runs thence North fifty seven degrees West three hundred and fifty Chains; then South forty degrees West one thousand and thirty Chains; then South sixty degrees East three hundred and fourteen Chains; then North forty degrees East five hundred and thirty Chains; then South fifty seven degrees and thirty Minutes East one hundred and thirty eight Chains; then North thirty six degrees East four hundred and eighty Chains; then North fifty seven degrees West sixty six Chains, to the Beech Tree where this Tract first began, containing thirty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twenty seventh day of December now last Past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province, may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several

3. Return of survey not located.

4. Vol. 23, p. 11. This tract, petitioned for by the Governors of King's College under the name of Dasham, was granted by agreement of the parties, to Nathaniel Marston et al., under the name of Charlotte. See Charlotte, p. 120 post, and Kingsland, p. 110 post.

Augustus Van Cortlandt was an attorney of New York in 1751.—History of New York City, Valentine, p. 394. On March 22, 1751 he was sworn as a Freeman of New York and on the same day was appointed Deputy Clerk of the Common Council of the City, and later was made Clerk of that body, which office he held for many years.—Burghers and Freemen of New York, pp. 515; 534; 536; 552. In 1782 he was an Addresser of Commissary Scott. He died in 1823, aged 93 years.—Loyalists of the American Revolution, Sabine II, p. 377.

Isaac Low, a merchant, was chairman of the Committee of Correspondence for New York City in 1774; member of the First Continental Congress, 1774; re-elected in 1775; arrested in 1776 on suspicion of holding correspondence with the enemy; name was included in the New York Bill of Attainder and his extensive property confiscated. In 1782 he was president of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and on the evacuation of the city, went to England.—New York Colonial Manuscript, VIII, p. 470.

Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned; *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm *unto* them the said Augustus Van Cortlandt, Isaac Low, Frederick Van Cortlandt, Augustus Van Horne, John Jay, Egbert Benson, Arent Schuyler, Thomas Ryan, John McKenney, Andrew Hammersley, Edward Smith, Hendrick Quackenboss, Joseph Jadwin, Thomas Hyatt, John Lewis, John Woods, Roger Richards, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Gerardus Bancker, William McDermott, Joseph Greswold, Thomas Greswold, Joseph Hildreth, Philip Kissick, John Cozine Junior, James VanCortlandt, Dirck DeLamater, James Moran, William Kennedy, Thomas Grigg, William Gillilan, James Seagrove, John Outhout, John Keen and Stewart Wilson, their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as abovementioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; and also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession Claim and demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty fifth Part (the whole into thirty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, to their only proper and Separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To* be holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefor yearly and every year for ever unto our said heirs and Successors, At Our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling, for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof: saving and except, for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Due, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part

thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue, and remain, and by the Name of *Middlesex* for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, And We do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof, in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof, shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province: *And* that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: And *We* do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against Us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said Trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire, our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty second day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy, and of our Reign the Tenth.

KENT*—A Compensatory Grant

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 3-12]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our Province of New York in America hath ever Since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York, been abutted and bounded to the East in part by the West Bank

* Present Londonderry and Windham.

or side of Connecticut River. *And whereas* of late Years great part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River, hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, *as* tho the same Lands had then belonged to, and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And whereas* Our loving Subject James Rogers by his humble Petition[1] in behalf of himself and twenty two other Persons presented unto our late trusty and welbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Second day of June which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, did set forth, that the Petitioner and his Associates apprehended they had a good Right and Title to twenty six thousand Acres of Land lying on the East side of the Water running from South Bay to Ticonderoga, under one of the pretended Grants above mentioned: that the said Lands had since our Royal Order in our Privy Council of the twentieth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty four, been granted to reduced Officers, whereby the Petitioner and his Associates must inevitably lose their Rights, unless a Grant should be made to them of other Lands in our said Province of New York That there is a certain Tract of Land lying in our said Province of New York bounded on the West side of a certain Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Tomlinson, Beginning at the Southwesterly Corner of Chester, and running West twenty seven degrees North seven Miles and thirty eight Chains, then South ten degrees West seven Miles and Seventy Six Chains; then East ten degrees South Six Miles and eight Chains; then North twenty degrees East six Miles to the Place of Beginning containing twenty six thousand Acres. *And therefore* the Petitioner did humbly pray our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our said Province of New York, granting unto him and his Associates their heirs and Assigns, the Tract of Land bounded and described as aforesaid, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Kent, and vested with such Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York have and do enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then and there read and referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards on the same day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York to grant the Prayer thereof, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: the Quantity of three hundred and fifty Acres of the said Tract of Land to be granted to the use of the Incorporated Society for the

1. Vol. 20, p. 18.

Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts; the like Quantity thereof to be granted as a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said Tract: the like Quantity thereof to be granted for the Minister of the Gospel who shall first Settle on the said Tract; and the Quantity of one hundred Acres thereof for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said Tract. *And Whereas* the said James Rogers by his humble Petition[2] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented on the Sixteenth day of January now last past, unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Hath set forth, among other Things, that having procured an actual Survey of the said Tract of Land at considerable Expence, the same was found to contain twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres: That the said Tract of Land tho within the Lands formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire had not been granted by that Government and remains still vacant and vested in Us: *And* therefore the Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates, did humbly pray that the Letters Patent ordered on the said first recited Petition, might issue for the Lands so surveyed as aforesaid, in the Name of the Petitioner, and in the Names of his Associates mentioned in the Schedule or List at the Foot of the said last recited Petition: *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for the said James Rogers and for his Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Daniel Goldsmith, Daniel Goldsmith junior, Henry Shute, Garret Vandenbergh, Joseph Cox, David Philips, Cornelius Ryan, Cornelius Van den Bergh, Andries Riglear, Adam Vandenbergh, Caleb Hyatt, George Hopson, William Shooler, Benjamin Betts, James Smith, John Woods, Edward Laight, Thomas Ivers, Adolph DeGrove, Joshua T DeS^{t}Croix, Alexander Wilson and James M^{c}Cartney. *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, Beginning[3] at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land lately granted to John Hall[4] late Lieutenant in our

2. Vol. 26, p. 82.
3. Return of survey, with map showing Public Rights, vol. 26, p. 91.
4. Vol. 26, p. 24.

Other documents relating to this patent are found in vol. 21, p. 52 and vol. 31, pp. 14 and 64.

This is the only instance of reservation of Public Rights other than in those grants which confirmed New Hampshire charters. Rogers' claim to "a good Right and Title to twenty six thousand Acres of Land lying on the East side of the Water running from South Bay to Ticonderoga" under a New Hampshire grant does not appear to be substantiated by the records. The only grant by New Hampshire lying as described by Rogers was Orwell and Rogers' name does not appear among the grantees as recorded in its New Hampshire charter. (State Papers of New Hampshire, vol. 26, pp. 323-327). Just one week from the date of this patent, on February 20,

eightieth Regiment of Foot and runs thence South eighty degrees East five hundred and seventy two Chains; then North seven degrees East three hundred and sixty Chains; then North sixty three degrees West five hundred and seventy nine Chains; then South ten degrees West five hundred and twenty nine Chains to the Place where this Tract first began containing twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And* also our said Commissioners have set out the several Lots hereinafter described, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract for the several and respective Uses and Purposes hereinbefore mentioned, that is to say: *For* the use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, *All* that certain Lot or parcel of Land part of the larger Tract hereinbefore described, *Beginning* at the Distance of two hundred and seventy five Chains, measured on a Course North Seventy Degrees East from the said Northwest Corner of the said Tract lately granted to John Hall, and this Lott runs from the said Place of Beginning South eighty degrees East sixty Chains and three Rods; then North ten degrees East sixty Chains and three Rods, then North ten degrees West sixty Chains and three Rods; then South ten degrees West Sixty Chains and three Rods, to the Place where this Lot first began containing three hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *For* a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lott or Parcel of Land part of the said larger Tract herein before described Beginning at the North East Corner of the Lot set out for and to be granted to the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and runs from the said Place of Beginning North eighty degrees West sixty Chains and three Rods, then North ten degrees East Sixty Chains and three Rods, then South eighty degrees East Sixty Chains and three Rods, and then South ten degrees West sixty Chains and three Rods to the Place where this Tract or Lot first began, containing three hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual

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1770, all the patentees, other than Rogers, joined in a deed conveying to him their several interests and titles in and to the territory covered by the patent, which deed is recorded in the office of the Colonial Secretary at Albany, N. Y. (See the History of Londonderry, Cudworth, published by the Vermont Historical Society, 1936, p. 16).

On May 15, 1765, a petition of Captain James Rogers as a reduced officer of the Independent Company of Rangers, for 3,000 acres of land lying within the present township of Benson, was granted by the Council. (Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668-1783, p. 513). This tract was surveyed on May 13, 1765. Vol. 18, p. 181; vol. 19, p. 32. The patent is dated May 30, 1765 and is recorded in New York Military Patents, Book 1, p. 82.

James Rogers was born in Londonderry, New Hampshire. He served under his brother, Col. Robert Rogers in the "Queen's Rangers" during the French War. Appointed by New York as Assistant Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and as Justice of Peace, Cumberland County, in 1766 and 1772. In 1776 he was a delegate to the Dorset Convention; he afterwards joined "the Kings Troops" (probably Burgoyne's); in 1778 his property was confiscated. After the Revolution he went to Prince Edward Island, Canada.—Governor and Council, Vermont, vol. 1, pp. 27-28; History of the Province of Ontario, Cannif, pp. 117-119.

Allowance for Highways. *For* the first setled Minister on the larger Tract aforesaid, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land part of the larger Tract described as aforesaid, Beginning at the North East Corner of the Lot set out for the said Society, and runs thence South ten degrees West Sixty Chains and three Rods; then South eighty degrees East sixty Chains and three Rods; then North ten degrees East sixty Chains and three Rods; and then North eighty degrees West sixty Chains and three Rods, to the Place where this Tract or Lot first began containing three hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And* for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said Larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land part of the aforesaid larger Tract, Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Lot set out for the Glebe; and runs thence North ten degrees East sixty Chains and three Rods; then South eighty degrees East seventeen Chains and one Rod; then South ten degrees West sixty Chains and three Rods, and then North eighty degrees West seventeen Chains and one Rod, to the Place where this Lot first began containing one hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said larger Tract of Land, and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the seventh day of this Instant Month of February, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear; *Which* said Tract of Twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions. *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his Associates abovenamed, their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Powers and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses Trusts Intents and Purposes Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions Provisoes and Conditions hereinafter expressed limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning every Part and Parcel thereof: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, *We* have given granted ratified and Confirmed, and do by these Presents for Us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said James Rogers, Daniel Goldsmith, Daniel Goldsmith Junior, Henry Shute, Garret Vandenbergh, Joseph Cox, David Philips, Cornelius Ryan, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Andries Riglear, Adam Van den Bergh, Caleb Hyatt, George Hopson, William Shooler, Benjamin Betts, James Smith, John Woods, Edward Laight, Thomas Ivers Adolph DeGrove, Joshua De S^{t} Croix, Alexander Wilson and James M^{c}Cartney their heirs and Assigns, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described by our said Commissioners in manner and form as abovementioned, including all the aforementioned

several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land set out and described by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels thereof, Containing in the whole twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres of Land besides the usual Allowance for Highways; Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining. And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto Us our heirs and Successors forever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract of twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof; with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns forever, to for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning the said Respective Lots herein mentioned and expressed to be set out by our said Commissioners as parts and Parcels thereof; and to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say;

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the rest residue and remainder of the the said Tract of twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty third Part (the whole into twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest residue and remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said James Rogers, Daniel Goldsmith, Daniel Goldsmith junior, Henry Shute, Garret Van Den Bergh, Joseph Cox, David Philips, Cornelius Ryan, Cornelius Van den Bergh, Andries Riglear, Adam Van den Bergh, Caleb Hyatt, George Hopson, William Shooler, Benjamin Betts, James Smith, John Woods, Edward Laight, Thomas Ivers, Adolph DeGrove, Joshua De S^{t}Croix, Alexander Wilson and James M^{c}Cartney their heirs and Assigns respectively; *To* their only

proper and Separate use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other use or uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *All* and singular the said Tract of twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year forever unto us our heirs and successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever, for the hereby granted Land and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do,* of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion, create erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land containing twenty four thousand one hundred and fifty Acres as aforesaid, hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, a Township forever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Kent* forever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown (page 29), which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and We do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York, in our said Province of New York, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province of New York, and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsover against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused

these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal *of* our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. At our Fort in our City of New York the thirteenth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

WHITINGHAM*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 54-61]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall Come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Nathan Whiting, Samuel Fitch, Eleazer Fitch, James Smedley, David Baldwin, Andrew Myers, Samuel Whiting, Robert Aiton, Amos Hitchcock and Nathan Haines Whiting, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and welbeloved *Sir* Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province, on the twenty seventh day of January which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, did set forth among other Things, that there was a certain Tract of vacant unpatented Land vested in us, lying on the West side of Connecticut River, adjoining to the present Line between our said Province and the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and commonly called or known by the Name of Cumberland: And that the Petitioners did intend if they could obtain a Grant of ten thousand Acres thereof; to make a Speedy and effectuall Settlement thereon: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant to each of the Petitioners and their respective heirs, the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the said Tract of Land: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners and their heirs, the Quantity of ten thousand Acres of the Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: *And Whereas* the said Nathan Whiting in behalf of himself and his Associates hath by his humble Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province, and read

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* Part of present township of Whitingham.

1. Vol. 19, p. 60; also vol. 22, pp. 47 and 65.
2. Vol. 26, p. 84.

in our said Council for our said Province on the thirty first day of January now last past, set forth, that the Petitioner and his Associates had procured an actual Survey of the Lands aforesaid, and find the vacant Land to contain only the Quantity of seven thousand Acres; That the same tho' part of the Lands formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire, have not been granted by that Government, but still remain vacant and vested in us: *And* therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that the Letters Patent ordered on the said former Petition might issue for the Quantity of Land so found to be vacant, And in the Names of Nathan Whiting, Samuel Fitch, Eleazer Fitch, James Smedley, Andrew Myers, Robert Aiton and Samuel Boyer, who are all the Persons at present interested in the said Lands, and further that the said seven thousand Acres of Land, together with the following Tracts (part of the aforesaid Tract called Cumberland) granted to or surveyed for reduced Officers; to wit, three thousand Acres granted to the Petitioner Nathan Whiting; Two thousand Acres granted to Lieutenant James Eddington; two thousand Acres granted to Lieutenant John Nordbergh; One thousand Acres granted to Lieutenant Thomas Etherington, three thousand Acres surveyed for and since granted to Captain John Walker; two thousand Acres surveyed for and since granted to Lieutenant Thomas Gamble; and two thousand Acres surveyed for and since granted to Lieutenant Dennis Carleton, might be erected into a Township by the Name of Whitingham, with the usual Privileges: On reading and due Consideration whereof it was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief with the advice and consent of our said Council, that the Letters Patent ordered on the said former Petition should issue in the Names of the said Nathan Whiting, Samuel Fitch, Eleazer Fitch, James Smedley, Andrew Myers, Robert Aiton and Samuel Boyer, for the Quantity of the said Lands so found to be vacant, and that the same together with the several other Tracts abovementioned be erected into a Township by the Name of Whitingham, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Nathan Whiting, Samuel Fitch, Eleazer Fitch, James Smedley, Andrew Myers, Robert Aiton and Samuel Boyer; *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York, situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland, being part of a larger Tract heretofore called and known by the Name of Cumberland *Beginning*[3] at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of three thousand Acres of Land granted to the said Nathan Whiting[4] as a reduced Officer; and runs thence along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract, and the North Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 108.
4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 21, p. 116.

James Eddington[5], and the North Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant Thomas Gamble[6] North eighty degrees West, four hundred and fifteen Chains; then South ten degrees West one hundred and seventy eight Chains to the Line run for the Bounds of the Massachusets Bay Government; then along the said Line North eighty degrees West sixty five Chains; then North ten degrees East three hundred and ten Chains and two Rods, to a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant Dennis Carleton[7]; then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract South eighty degrees East one hundred and twenty four Chains to a Tract of three thousand Acres of Land granted to Captain John Walker[8]; then along the West Bounds of the last mentioned Tract, South ten degrees West seven Chains and two Rods; then along the South Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract, and the South Bounds of a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant John Nordbergh[9], three hundred and fifty six Chains; then South ten degrees West one hundred and twenty five Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, containing six thousand nine hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in setting out the said Tract of six thousand nine hundred Acres of Land, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the first day of this Instant Month of March, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province, among other Things may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns forever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Nathan Whiting, Samuel Fitch, Eleazer Fitch, James Smedley, Andrew Myers, Robert Aiton, and Samuel Boyer, their heirs and Assigns forever, All that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned, together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Caim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; And

5. Vol. 21, p. 128.
6. Vol. 23, p. 124.
7. Vol. 23, p. 128.
8. Vol. 23, p. 125.
9. Vol. 22, p. 94.

Nathan Whiting was Captain of one of H. M. Independent Companies of Foot (Catalogue of Maps and Surveys in Office of Secretary of State of N. Y. (1859), p. 164); called Colonel in Calendar of N. Y. Council Minutes, p. 526; named as Colonel of a Connecticut Regiment in N. Y. Colonial Manuscripts, VI, p. 1002.

the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Seventh Part (the whole into seven equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively to their only proper and Separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of Us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *And* we being willing according to the Prayer of the said Petitioners to create and make the said Tract of Land hereby granted a Township, with such other of the adjacent Lands as are included and comprehended within the Bounds and Limits following, that is to say—*Beginning* at a Hemlock Tree and a Beach Tree growing close together, having two large Stones laid between them, standing in the Line run for the Bounds of the Province of the Massachusets Bay, and which Beach Tree is marked with these words, *The Corner of Cumberland;* And runs thence North ten degrees East six Miles: Then North eighty degrees West six Miles: Then South ten degrees West six miles to the aforesaid Line run for the Bounds of the Province of the Massachusets Bay: And then along the said Line South ten Degrees East six Miles to the said Place of beginning; and to grant to the Inhabitants of the same such Powers and Privileges as the Inhabitants of other Townships in our said Province of New York have and do enjoy; *Know Ye* therefore that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion, We do by these Presents create erect and constitute the said Tract of Land hereby granted, and all other the Lands included within the Bounds and Limits last mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof one Township forever hereafter to

be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Whitingham* for ever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in stantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown (page 29), which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary *thereof* in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the twelfth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy, and of our Reign the Tenth.

KINGSLAND*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 72-81]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Whereas the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and

* Present Washington.

1. Vol. 23, p. 11.

Governor in Chief of our said Province, and read in our Council for our said Province on the fourth day of February which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty seven, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners being desirous of extending and rendering as beneficial as possible the laudable Institution committed to their Care, which had been distinguished by the Countenance Protection and Liberality of our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief's Predecessors, had been at some Pains in discovering a Tract of vacant Land in hopes that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief from a Consideration that there was a similar Provision for Learning in other Colonies might be induced to appropriate the same for the better Support of an Establishment, in the Prosperity of which they conceived the Publick to be deeply interested: That there was a Tract of Land which tho' very distant and uncultivated they hoped under proper Improvement might contribute to this End, situate on the West side of Connecticut River within our said Province and called and known by the Name of Dasham, bounded to the Eastward by a Tract of Land then lately petitioned for and to be called Gageborough; to the Southward by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Tunbridge, to the Westward by vacant Land; and to the Northward by a Tract of Land then lately petitioned for under the Name of Chatham, and extending so far Westward as to comprehend the Quantity of twentyfive thousand Acres. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their Successors the Tract of Land above described, and that the same might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges. *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the twelfth day of the same Month of February in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should grant the Prayer thereof. *And Whereas* the said Petitioners by their farther Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and read in our said Council on the seventh day of February now last past, did among other Things set forth, that on the thirteenth day of May which was in the said year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, a certain other Tract of Land was advised to be granted to Nathaniel Marston and his Associates[3], situate on the West side of Connecticut River, bounded Easterly by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Corinth, and Southerly by the abovementioned Tract of Land known by the Name of Dasham[4], Northerly by a Line Beginning at the West Line of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Corinth at the

2. Vol. 26, p. 95.
3. See p. 120 post.
4. See footnote 3, p. 121 post.

distance of about four Miles and an half from the south west Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Corinth, and running Paralel to the North Boundary Line of the said Tract of Land known by the *Name* of Dasham, and westerly by a Line from the North Line of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Dasham continued Westward to the said paralel Line and at such a Distance from the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Corinth and paralel thereto, as to comprehend twenty four thousand Acres: That the said Nathaniel Marston and his Associates had relinquished their Claim thereto intending with the consent of the Petitioners to apply for a Grant of the Tract first above described in Lieu thereof: That neither of the said Tracts of Land though within the Limits formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire, had ever been patented or granted under that Government: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, would be favourably pleased to grant to them and their Successors the said Tract of twenty four thousand Acres of Land, instead of the Tract prayed for by them in their said first recited Petition: *And* that the said Tract of twenty four thousand Acres might be erected into a Township by the Name of Kingsland with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *On* reading and due Consideration of which last recited Petition our Council of our said Province did humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioners and their Successors for ever, the Tract of twenty four thousand Acres of Land last described as aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: *And* that the said Tract of twenty four thousand Acres of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of *Kingsland* with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our Province of New York: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Petitioners *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York, situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the West side of Connecticut River, *Beginning*[5] at a Beach Tree marked with the Letters W K *NWCorner* P M, E W for the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land called Corinth, and runs thence along part of the west bounds of the last mentioned Tract North thirty degrees East three hundred and Sixty Chains to a hard Maple Tree having some large Stones laid round it, and a Beech Tree twenty five Links West of the said Maple Tree marked with the Letters and Figures P M, E W 1767; then from the aforesaid hard maple Tree North fifty seven degrees West seven hundred and one Chains;

5. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 106.

The College of the Province of New York, founded in 1754, is now a part of Columbia University.—Alexander, A Revolutionary Conservative, p. 180, and footnote.

then South thirty degrees West three hundred and sixty Chains; then South fifty seven degrees East seven hundred and one Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, containing twenty four thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in setting out the said Tract of twenty four thousand Acres of Land, our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions: As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the second day of this Instant Month of March, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Successors and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America, their Successors and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out, abutted, bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned; together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever, of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards, at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part *and* Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America their Successors and Assigns, To the only proper use and behoof of them the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America their Successors and Assigns for ever. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast

of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services dues, duties and demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do our our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Kingsland* for ever hereafter to be called and known,

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And whereas* by the Charter of our late royal Grandfather King George the second under his Great Seal of the said Province of New York, bearing date the thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, and of his Reign the twenty eighth, establishing the said College, it is among other Things granted that the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America, to and for the use of the said College, shall and may have full Power and Authority to give, grant, bargain, sell, demise assign or otherwise dispose of, *All* or any Messuages, Lands, Tenements Rents and other Hereditaments and real Estate, and all Goods, Chattels, Money and other Things whatsoever as to them shall seem fit, either in the Payment of the Salary or Salaries of the President, Fellows and Professors of the said College or any other Officers or Ministers of the same at their Will and Pleasure (Except as therein is excepted) *And whereas* some Doubts have arose whether the said Corporation have by the reason of the above in part recited Clause of the said Charter Power in any Manner to dispose of any their Messuages, Lands Tenements Rents Hereditaments or real Estate not comprized within the said Exception, unless in the Payment of the Salary or Salaries aforesaid: Now for preventing all Doubts or Disputes concerning the same for the future, *We do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors of

our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion ordain and declare and give and grant to the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America and their Successors for ever, that it shall and may be lawfull for them and their Successors for ever by the same Name to give, grant, bargain, sell, demise, assign or otherwise dispose of the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments by these Presents granted, And all other the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents and other Hereditaments and real Estate which they now or hereafter may have or hold (not comprized within the said Exception) either in Fee simple, for Life or Lives, or for Years, or in any other Manner whatsoever which they shall think most conducive to the Benefit of the said College, any thing in the said Charter abovementioned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And whereas* the said Exception in the said Charter abovementioned, respects certain Lands in the said Charter more particularly described Situate on the West side of the Broadway in the West Ward of the City of New York which at the Time of granting the said Charter were set apart and have been since conveyed by the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established to the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America in Fee, to and for the use of the said College. *And* it is hereby ordained that no Grant or Lease of the said Land or any Part thereof, shall be made by the said Governors of the said College which shall exceed the Number of twenty one Years and that either in Possession or not above three Years before the End and expiration or determination of the Estate or Estates in Possession, as by the same Charter recourse being thereunto had may more fully appear. *And whereas* the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America by their farther humble Petition presented unto our said *Lieutenant* Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and read in our said Council for our said Province on the fourteenth day of February now last past did represent that they found the said Restriction last mentioned to be prejudicial to the Interest of the said College, as from the steepness of the Banks, the necessity of Wharfs and other impediments that part of the said Land (contained within the said Exception) which fronts the North River cannot be improved but at a very great Expence: *And* therefore humbly prayed our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to enable the Petitioners to grant and demise that part of the said Lands which fronts the said North River to the extent of two hundred feet from the same, for any Term not exceeding ninety nine Years, *Know Ye* further therefore that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion we have given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant to the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America and their Successors for ever, full Power and Authority, and that it shall and

may be lawfull for them and their Successors for ever to grant and demise for and during any Term not exceeding ninety nine Years, *All* that Part and Parcel of the said Lands (conveyed as aforesaid by the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established to the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America) from the whole Front thereof on the said North River as far back as the Depth of two hundred feet from the said River any Thing in the said Charter contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments Powers Privileges, Authorities and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have *caused* these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commader in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York by and with the Advice and Consent of our said Council for our said Province the fourteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy And of our Reign the Tenth.

BESBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 103-109]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Lawrence Kortright, Peter Van Schaack, John Woods and Hubert Van Wagenen, by their humble Petition[1] in behalf of themselves and their Associates whose Names are mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed presented unto our trusty and welbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first day of January now last past, did set forth among other Things, that the Petitioners and their Associates had discovered a cer-

* In present St. Johnsbury and Lyndon. It is probable that Harpers Brook is known at present as Hawkins Brook.—W. Arthur Simpson of Lyndon, informant.

1. Vol. 26, p. 20.

tain Tract of Land Situate at about twelve or fourteen Miles from Connecticut River in the County of Albany and Province of New York, Beginning two hundred and eighty Chains West from a large Fall of Water on the River Passumsick, which Fall of Water is about twelve Miles above the Mouth of the said River where it falls into Connecticut River, and about a Mile more or less below the Mouth of a certain Brook known by the Name of Harpers Brook, which runs into the West side of the said Passumsick River; and runs from the said Place of beginning North five hundred and thirty seven Chains; thence East five hundred and twenty Chains then South seven hundred and thirty Chains; thence West five hundred and twenty Chains, and then North one hundred and ninety three Chains to the Place of beginning containing thirty six thousand Acres of Land. That the said Lands are wholly uncultivated and were never granted by the Government of New Hampshire during the Time in which that Government assumed a Right of Jurisdiction in that Quarter, but remain vacant and vested in us: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their Associates the Lands abovementioned in the Proportion of one thousand Acres to each of them, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Besborough with the usual Powers and Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their Said Associates and their heirs the Lands described in the said Petition according to the Prayer thereof, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: And that the said Lands should be erected into a Township by the Name of Besborough with the Privileges usually granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Petitioners Lawrence Kortright, Peter Van Schaack, John Woods and Hubert Van Wagenen, and for their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Elizabeth Van Schaack, Lawrence L Van Alen, Isaac Sheldon, Hercules Mulligan, John Byvanck, Cook Mulligan, James Townsend, Garret Roorback, Francis Van Dyck, Benjamin Garrison, Robert Doughty, George Hicks, Roger Richards, Simon Metcalf, Edward Smith, Isaac Myer, Samuel Boyer, William Manoe, John Bowles Walter Thomas, John Sidell, James Yeoman, John Bates, Francis Koffler, Ann Ryan, Richard Wenman, Thomas Lupton, Thomas Valentine, William Kane, Joseph Beck, Benjamin Jones and Charles Ramadge, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York, situate lying and being on the West side of Con-

necticut River, and on both sides of a Brook called Passumsick River lately in the County of Albany, but now in the County of Gloucester, Beginning[2] at the Distance of two hundred and eighty Chains West from a Fall in the said Brook called Passumsick River, which is the first ffall below where a Brook known by the Name of Harpurs Brook falls into the said Passumsick River; and runs from the said Place of Beginning North five hundred and thirty four Chains; then East five hundred and twenty Chains; then South seven hundred and twenty seven Chains; then West five hundred and twenty Chains; then North one hundred and ninety three Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, containing thirty six thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And* in setting Out the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the ninth day of this Instant Month of March, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Lawrence Kortright, Peter Van Schaack, John Woods, Hubert Van Wagenen, Elizabeth Van Schaack, Lawrence L Van Alen, Isaac Sheldon, Hercules Mulligan, John Byvanck, Cook Mulligan, James Townsend, Garret Roorbach, Francis Van Dyck, Benjamin Garrison, Robert Doughty, George Hicks, Roger Richards, Simon Metcalf, Edward Smith, Isaac Myer, Samuel Boyer, William Manoe, John Bowles, Walter Thomas, John Sidell, James Yeoman, John Bates, Francis Koffler, Ann Ryan, Richard Wenman, Thomas Lupton, Thomas Valentine, William Kane, Joseph Beck, Benjamin Jones and Charles Ramadge their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appur-

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2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 130.

In vol. 26, p. 157 will be found the promise of Peter Van Schaak to release three shares in Besborough to John Kelly of New York City.

Lawrence Kortright was a captain in the British Army, whose daughter Elizabeth became the wife of James Munroe, President of the United States.—Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography, IV, p. 361.

Peter Van Schaak, a lawyer of New York city; appointed to collect and revise the statute laws of New York in 1773; refused to take the oath of allegiance to the State of New York in 1777; was banished to England in 1778 where he remained until 1785; was restored to citzenship in 1786 and resumed the practice of law at Kinderhook, his native village.—New York Colonial Manuscripts, VIII, p. 652.

tenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof, And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto us Our heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty sixth Part (the whole into thirty six equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto Us our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Besborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered, and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof

this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty ninth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

CHARLOTTE*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 111-117]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting. Whereas* Our loving Subjects Nathaniel Marston, and twenty three other Persons by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirteenth day of May which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, did set forth among other Things, That there was a Tract of vacant Land within our said Province comprehending twenty four thousand Acres Situate on the West side of Connecticut River bounded Easterly by a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Corinth, and Southerly by another Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Dasham and further more particularly limited and described as in the said Petition may Appear. That the said Tract of Land still remained vested in us and that the Petitioners being desirous to obtain a Grant for the said Lands and to cultivate and improve the same did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them the Tract of Land above described, under such Reservations and Quit Rents as were

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* Present Chelsea.

1. Vol. 23, p. 127.

agreable to our Royal Instructions. *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent *That* our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should grant the Prayer thereof. And whereas the said Nathaniel Marston and Gabriel Ludlow, Charles Williams, Robert Crommelin, Edward Man, David Clarkson, Andrew Barclay, Elias Desbrosses, Nicholas William Stuyvesant, Theophilact Bache, Adrian Renaudel, Alexander Colden, Thomas Hill, Edward Laight, Anthony Van Dam, Robert R. Livingston, John Charlton, Humphrey Jones, Mathew Clarkson, Benjamin Kissam, Richard Nicholls, John Livingston, James Duane, Lambert Moore and Lewis Pintard, by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and well-beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our said Council on the seventh day of February now last past, did among other Things Set forth, That on the fourth day of February which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven a certain other Tract of Land was advised to be granted to the Governors of the College of the Province of New York situate on the West side of Connecticut River within our said Province, called and known by the Name of Dasham[3], bounded to the Eastward by a Tract of Land then lately Petitioned for and to be called Gageborough; to the Southward by a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Tunbridge; to the Westward by vacant Land; and to the Northward by a Tract of Land then lately Petitioned for under the Name of Chatham[4]; and extending so far Westward as to comprehand the Quantity of twenty five thousand Acres. That the Governors of the College had relinquished their Claim to the last mentioned Tract, intending in Lieu thereof with the Consent of the Petitioners, to apply for a Grant of the Tract of Land first above described, That neither of the said Tracts tho within the Limits formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire, had ever been patented or granted under that Government: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased to grant to them the said Tract of twenty five thousand Acres of Land instead of the Tract so advised to be granted as aforesaid and described in the said first recited Petition; And that the said Tract of twenty five thousand Acres might be erected into a Township by the Name of Charlotte, with the usual Privileges granted to other

2. Vol. 26, p. 94.

3. The origin of the name "Dasham" as applied to this tract is unknown; it may have been in the same category as the names Eastham and Lintfield applied to tracts in this vicinity. These names appear on the Jeffrey map, and it has been suggested that they may have been unrecorded New Hampshire grants of an early date, similar to that of Cumberland.

4. Vol. 26, p. 111.

Townships within our said Province. On reading and due Consideration of which last recited Petition, Our Council for our said Province did humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners abovenamed and their heirs, the said Tract of twenty five thousand Acres of Land last described as aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions, and that the said Tract of twenty five thousand Acres of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Charlotte, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said Nathaniel Marston, Gabriel Ludlow, Charles Williams, Robert Crommeline, Edward Man, David Clarkson, Andrew Barclay, Elias Desbrosses, Nicholas William Stuyvesant, Theophilact Bache, Adrian Renaudel, Alexander Colden, Thomas Hill, Edward Laight, Anthony Van Dam, Robert R. Livingston, John Charlton, Humphrey Jones, Mathew Clarkson, Benjamin Kissam, Richard Nicholls, John Livingston, James Duane, Lambert Moore and Lewis Pintard, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the West side of Connecticut River within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[5] at a Beech Tree marked with the Letters W K *NW Corner* P M E W for the South west Corner of a Tract of Land called Corinth[6], which said Beech Tree is likewise the beginning of a Tract of Land lately granted to the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America[7]; and runs from the said Place of Beginning along part of the South Bounds of the said Tract lately granted tothe Governors of the said College, North fifty seven degrees West five hundred and forty six Chains; Then South Thirty degrees West four hundred and eighty Chains; Then South fifty seven degrees East five hundred and forty six Chains; Then North thirty degrees East four hundred and eighty Chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing twenty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract of twenty five thousand Acres of Land, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their

5. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 106.
6. See p. 292, post.
7. Kingsland, see p. 110 ante.

Nathaniel Marston was part owner of the Greyhound, a privateer of New York, and was engaged in various transactions under the Colonial government during the 1740-s. In 1752 and again in 1762, he was a member of the Board appointed to appraise provisions impressed for the army.—Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668-1783, pp. 348, 363, 457, 458.

Hands bearing date the fifteenth day of this Instant Month of March and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *And whereas* since the Date of the said Certificate of our said Commissioners that is to say on the Sixteenth Day of this Instant Month of March, We by our Royal Ordinance under the Great Seal of our said Province of New York, bearing date the same Day last abovementioned, were graciously pleased by the Advice of our said Council for our said Province, to erect and establish a new County within our said Province by the Name of the County of Gloucester, which contains and includes among other Lands All that the Tract of Land abovementioned and described to be in the County of Albany: *Now* We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the said Tract of Land so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, and now situate lying and being in our said County of Gloucester as aforesaid, together with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Nathaniel Marston, Gabriel Ludlow, Charles Williams, Robert Crommeline, Edward Man, David Clarkson, Andrew Barclay, Elias Debrosses, Nicholas William Stuyvesant, Theophilact Bache, Adrian Renaudet, Alexander Colden, Thomas Hill, Edward Laight, Anthony Van Dam, Robert R. Livingston, John Charlton, Humphrey Jones, Mathew Clarkson, Benjamin Kissam, Richard Nicholls, John Livingston, James Duane, Lambert Moore and Lewis Pintard their heirs and Assigns forever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and form as abovementioned; together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto Us our heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* One full and equal twenty fifth Part (the whole into twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Suc-

cessors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two shillings and Sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Charlotte* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for Us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: And we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the thirty first day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

READESBOROUGH

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 151-156]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting *Whereas* Our loving Subject John Reade by his humble Petition[1] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the seventh day of November which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine, did set forth, among other Things, That the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a certain Tract of Land about thirty Miles Eastward of Hudsons River between a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of New Stamford, and a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Woodford on the West, and a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Draper, and a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Cumberland on the East, for part of which they were desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent intending to cultivate and improve the same; That the said Lands were wholly uncultivated and were not included within any Grant made by the Government of New Hampshire and were still vacant and vested in us. *And* therefore the Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto him and his Associates whose Names were mentioned in the Schedule at the Foot of the said Petition, the Quantity of thirty thousand Acres of the Tract of Land aforesaid in equal Proportions, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Readesborough, and vested with the usual Powers and Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioner and his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid and their Heirs in equal Proportions, the Quantity of thirty thousand Acres of the Tract of Land described in the said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; *And* that the said Lands should by the said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Readesborough with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners

1. Vol. 26, p. 19.

appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Petitioner John Reade and for his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Marmaduke Forster, Jonathan Lawrence, Thomas Moncriefe, Peter R. Livingston, Stephen Kemble, Joseph Reade junior Jacob Field, William Sacket, Henry Dobson, John Macomb, Francis Panton, John McKenney, Robert C. Livingston, James Bennet, Alexander Maccullagh, Alexander Forster, Thomas Pettit, Samuel Wells, David Wells, Medad Pomeroy, Elisha Hunt, John Lewis, John Bowles, Thomas Lupton, Cornelius Rierson, Lewis Relay, Henry Boel, Isaac Myer and John Keen *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land within our Province of New York situate lying and being on the west side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland, Beginning[2] at a black Spruce Pine Tree marked by Phineas Mun with the Letters *S F* for the South East Corner of a Tract of Land called Stamford, standing in the Line run for the Bounds of the Province of Massachusetts Bay and runs thence along the said Line South eighty degrees East three hundred and twenty Chains to the west Bounds of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Cumberland[3]; then along the West Bounds of the last mentioned Tract, and the west Bounds of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Draper[4] North ten degrees East nine hundred and Sixty Chains, to a Tract of Land known by the Name of Somerset; Then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned *Tract* North eighty degrees West three hundred and twenty Chains to the East Bounds of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Woodford; then along the said East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract, and the East Bounds of the aforesaid Tract of Land known by the Name of Stamford, South ten degrees West nine hundred and Sixty Chains to the Place where this Tract first began containing twenty nine thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard for the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the Sixth day of March now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Reade, Marmaduke

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 24, p. 152.
3. Vol. 21, p. 116.
4. Now Wilmington.

Forster, Jonathan Lawrence, Thomas Moncriefe, Peter R. Livingston, Stephen Kemble, Joseph Reade junior, Jacob Field, William Sacket, Henry Dobson, John Macomb, Francis Panton, John McKenney, Robert C. Livingston, James Bennet Alexander Maccullagh, Alexander Forster, Thomas Pettit, Samuel Wells, David Wells, Medad Pomeroy, Elisha Hunt, John Lewis, John Bowles, Thomas Lupton, Cornelius Rierson, Lewis Relay, Henry Boel, Isaac Myer and John Keen, their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned, together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, to their only proper and Seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and Common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding rendering* and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lessor Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Readesborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered upon Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province: And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this Our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty fourth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy and of our Reign the tenth.

MOORE TOWN*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 162-167]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subject William Smith of our City of New York *Esquire* by his humble Petition[1] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in our Council for our said Province on the twenty eighth day of March now last past, did set forth, That on the seventh day of November which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six a Petition[2] was

* Present Bradford.
1. Vol. 27, p. 3.
2. Vol. 22, p. 39.

preferred to our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province in the Name of John French and his Associates praying a Grant of certain Lands on the West side of Connecticut River. That our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief was advised by our Council to grant the Prayer of the said Petition; and that a Warrant issued the same Day to the Surveyor General for a Survey thereof. That the said John French is since deceased, and that the Petitioner and his Associates are the Persons intended to be chiefly benefited by that Application: That the Tract which they desire to take up contains as it is supposed about thirty thousand Acres to the Southward of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Newberry and adjoining the same and was never granted under the Province of New Hampshire: That there are divers Persons setled within the Limits of the said Tract of Land amounting in all to thirty Families, to whom the Petitioner and his Associates intend to convey after a Patent is issued, three thousand Acres, to wit, to the Head of each Family one hundred Acres in such Manner as to secure to them the Parts they have respectively cultivated. And therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that the Lands aforesaid might be granted to him and his Associates as Tenants in common in Fee, agreeable to the Directions and upon the Terms of our Royal Instructions. *Which* Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same twenty eighth day of March in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid should by our Letters Patent grant to the said William Smith and his Associates and their heirs the Lands described in the said Petition, according to the Prayer thereof, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions. *And that* the said Lands should by the said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of *Moore Town* with the Privileges usually granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Petitioner William Smith, and for his Associates to wit James Robertson, Richard Maitland, William Sherreff, Goldsbrow Banyar, Andrew Anderson, Jonathan Mallet, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Charles McEvers, Hugh Gaine, Francis Stephens, William Bruce, Thomas William Moore, Samuel Ver Planck, Richard Yates, Abraham Mortier, Abraham Lynson, Abraham Lott, Hamilton Young, Garrat Noel, Ebenezer Hazzard, John Alsop, Thomas James, *Thomas* Smith and Samuel Smith, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] on the West

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 4.

A caveat, dated February 22, 1770, against granting this tract was filed by Daniel Coxe who had petitioned on January 4, 1762 for land on Connecticut River to com-

Bank of the said River at a white Pine Tree blazed and marked ↑ for the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Fairlie; and runs thence North Sixty one degrees West five hundred and ninety Chains; then North thirty two degrees East five hundred and twenty Chains; then South fifty nine degrees East five hundred Chains to the said River, and then down the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, containing twenty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract of twenty five thousand Acres of Land, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the seventh day of April now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said William Smith, James Robertson, Richard Maitland, Willam Shirreff, Goldsbrow Banyar, Andrew Anderson, Jonathan Mallet, Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Charles M^cEvers, Hugh Gaine, Francis Stephens, William Bruce, Thomas William Moore, Samuel Ver Planck, Richard Yates, Abraham Mortier, Abraham Lynson, Abraham Lott, Hamilton Young, Garrat Noel, Ebenezer Hazard, John Alsop, Thomas James, Thomas Smith and Samuel Smith their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the the Tract or Parcel of Land Aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned. *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof:

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plete a grant to him by mandamus of the King in Council, of 10,000 acres. See vol. 25, p. 47 and vol. 27, p. 3.

The following notation appears on the back of the petition of William Smith, above: "Mr. Smith begs his Respects to M^r. Banyar, is sorry for Sir Henry Moore's Family, that the Deficiency proves to be so considerable, as the shares of the Settlers are great; but it must be submitted to—As to the Name I should think *Moore Town as* proper as any; and that it the sd. Tract should by all means be erected into a Township as most agreable to Settlers—M^r. Banyar will leave out the Names of Thomas Jones, Mr. Folies, Mr. Rivington, Isaac Heron and Mr. Seton."

William Smith, Jr., an able lawyer and author of a History of the Province of New York down to 1762; was appointed councillor in 1767 which office he held until 1776. In 1773 he was one of the Commissioners to fix the jurisdictional line between New York and Massachusets; on the evacuation of New York city he went to England where he remained until 1786 when he was made Chief Justice of Canada.—N. Y. Col-Mss., vol. VII, p. 908.

And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever. *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty fifth Part (the *whole* into twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and Separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do also of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Moore Town* for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings; granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless *and* We do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: And we do moreover of our especial Grace certain

knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

GAGEBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 177-182]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall Come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects William Kelly, Isaac Ogden, David Rogers, Benjamin Johnson, Isaac Ball, Joseph Rogers, John Nisbet, Gabriel Ogden, Nathaniel Ferrand, John Cockrem, Ebenezer Ward, Isaac Longworth, Thomas Richards, Nathaniel Richards, Elias Crane, James Banks, Solomon Davis, James Johnson, David Johnson, Thomas Longworth, Daniel Piersen, David Crane, Eleazer Bruen and John Bruen, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the third day of November which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six did set forth, That there was a certain Tract of Land Situate on the West Side of Connecticut River within our said Province, which the Petitioners had discovered to be vacant and unpatented, bounded Easterly by a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Fairley, and Southerly by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Stratford; Northerly by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Corinth, and Westerly by a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Dasham so as to comprehend twenty four thousand Acres. And that the Petitioners were desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent for the said Tract of vacant and unappropriated Lands intending to improve and cultivate the same. *And therefore* the Petitioners did

* Present Vershire and vicinity.

1. Vol. 22, p. 30.

humbly pray that as the aforesaid Lands never were granted under the Government of New Hampshire, were vacant, and had not before been applied for by any Person or Persons, Our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioners and their respective heirs and Assigns, the aforesaid Tract of Land containing twenty four thousand Acres: *And* that the same might be formed into a Township by the Name of Gageborough with the usual Powers and Privileges that were granted to other Townships within our said Province, and under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, *Limitations* and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did on the seventh day of November in the Year aforesaid, in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent, that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid, and that the same should by the said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Gageborough, with the usual Privileges, under the Quit Rent Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions. *And whereas* on the eleventh day of April now last past it was Ordered by our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America with the Advice of our said Council, that the Name of William Camp[2] should be inserted as one of the Grantees in the Letters Patent to issue for the said Lands instead of the Name of John Bruen one of the Petitioners aforesaid who is since deceased. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said William Kelly, Isaac Ogden, David Rogers, Benjamin Johnson, Isaac Ball, Joseph Rogers, John Nisbet, Gabriel Ogden, Nathaniel Ferrand, John Cochrem, Ebenezer Ward, Isaac Longworth, Thomas Richards, Nathaniel Richards, Elias Crane, James Banks, Solomon Davis, James Johnson, David Johnson, Thomas Longworth, Daniel Pierson, David Crane, Eleazer Bruen and William Camp, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, Beginning[3] at a Beech Tree marked with the Letters W K N W *Corner* P M E W, which said Tree is the Place where a Tract of Land lately granted to the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York[4] begins, And also the Place where a Tract of Land granted to Nathaniel Marston[5] and twenty four other Persons

2. See letter of Abraham Lott to Lt. Gov. Colden, dated April 7, 1770, vol. 27, p. 10.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 11.
4. Kingsland, see p. 110 ante.
5. Charlotte, see p. 120 ante.

begins; and runs from the said Beech Tree along the westerly Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land, South thirty degrees West four hundred and eighty Chains; then South fifty seven degrees East four hundred and eighty Chains; then North thirty three degrees and thirty Minutes East five hundred and twenty one Chains; then North sixty two Degrees West five hundred and twelve Chains, to the Beech Tree where this Tract began. Containing twenty four thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract of twenty four thousand Acres of Land, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof, under their hands bearing Date the fourteenth day of April now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may *more* fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein aftermentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said William Kelly, Isaac Ogden, David Rogers, Benjamin Johnson, Isaac Ball, Joseph Rogers, John Nisbet, Gabriel Ogden, Nathaniel Ferrand, John Cockrem, Ebenezer Ward, Isaac Longworth, Thomas Richards, Nathaniel Richards, Elias Crane, James Banks, Solomon Davis, James Johnson, David Johnson, Thomas Longworth, Daniel Pierson, David Crane, Eleazer Bruen and William Camp their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned; together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, *And* also all Our Estate Right, Title, Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty fourth Part (the whole into twenty four equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining. And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments *and* Premises or any Part thereof: *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said Trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire, our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the tenth day of May in the year

of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy, and of our Reign the Tenth.

KELSO*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 184-189]

GEORGE THE THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall Come *Greeting. Whereas* Our loving Subject William Cockburn and sixteen other Persons by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and welbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet deceased, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Sixteenth day of April which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, did set forth among other Things, That they the Petitioners had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land situate in the County of Albany about fifteen Miles East of South Bay, to the Westward of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Clarendon, and another Tract petitioned for by the Name of Socialborough, and to the Northward and Eastward of Lands laid out for Adam Gilchrist[2] and others, and between the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Clarendon a tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Rutland, and a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Pitsford on the East, and a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Poulteney, and a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Castletown on the West and South; And did humbly pray our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief by our Letters Patent to grant to each of the Petitioners their heirs and Assigns the Quantity of one thousand Acres in one or more Tracts within the Limits above described. *And whereas* Our loving Subject Archibald Campbell and five other Persons by their humble Petition[3] presented unto our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief, and read in our said Council on the Day and Year aforesaid, did set forth among other Things, that they had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land vested in us situate about twelve Miles East of Wood Creek and to the Eastward of and adjoining to a certain Tract petitioned for by Adam Gilchrist and his Associates, and to the Westward of a Tract of Land called Clarendon, and did humbly pray our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters *Patent* to grant to the Petitioners and their heirs the Quantity of one thousand Acres each fit for Cultivation in one or more Tracts; Which said several Petitions having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for

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* Parts of the present townships of Ira, West Rutland, Clarendon and Middletown Springs.

1. Vol. 23, p. 61.
2. St. Catherines, see p. 187 post.
3. Vol. 23, p. 118.

our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the Day and and year aforesaid, in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise and Consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said respective Petitioners, the several Tracts of Land as described and prayed for in their said respective Petitions, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And whereas* the said William Cockburne and Archibald Campbell by their humble Petition[4] presented unto our trusty and welbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our said Council on the seventh day of March now last past, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners and their Associates having obtained two Warrants from our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief bearing date the seventeenth day of April which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, for the surveying for them the Quantity of twenty three thousand Acres of a certain Tract of Land to the Eastward of Wood Creek, had procured an actual Survey thereof at considerable Expence, the Bounds whereof were as in the said Petition is particularly expressed; That the same tho' within the Lands formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire, had not been granted by that Government and remained still vacant and vested in us; *And* therefore the Petitioners in behalf of themselves and their Associates did humbly pray, that Letters Patent might issue for the said Lands agreable to the Bounds expressed in their said Petition, and that they might have Leave to insert as Grantees therein the Names mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed, who were all the Persons interested in the Premises, and that the said Lands might be erected into a Township by the Name of Kelso with the usual Privileges: On reading and due Consideration whereof, It is as Ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief by and with the Advice and Consent of our said Council, that Letters Patent should issue granting to the said Petitioners William Cockburne and Archibald Campbell, and to the several Persons whose Names are mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid and their Heirs, the Lands surveyed as aforesaid; and that the said Lands should by the said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Kelso with the Privileges usually granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said William Cockburn and Archibald Campbell and for their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Alexander Ellice, Robert Ellice, John Portious, Nicholas Trumpour, Alexander Whyte, John Wigram, John Willis, Catharine Cockburn,

4. Vol. 26, p. 76.

Francis Child, John Ramsey, Walter Buchanan, John Thompson, James Phyn, John Bowles, Crean Brush, Thomas Buchanan, Johannes Freligh, James Thompson, and and Archibald Currie *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being to the Eastward of Wood Creek and westward of Otter Creek in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, Beginning[5] at a Black Birch Tree standing in a Line of Trees marked for the South Bounds of a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of Socialborough[6], which said Tree is distant one hundred and ten Chains on a Course North eighty six Degrees West from Otter Creek, and was marked in the Year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Seven by Archibald Campbell with the Letters CLARENDON, for the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Clarendon, and runs thence along a Line of marked Trees South four degrees East four hundred and eighty Chains to a Stake Standing in a small Pond of Water; Then along another Line of marked Trees North eighty degrees West five hundred and fifty seven Chains; then North ten degrees East four hundred and fifteen Chains; then along the aforesaid Line of Trees marked for the South Bounds of the said Tract called Socialborough South Eighty Six Degrees East four hundred and forty five Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, containing twenty thousand and five hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract of twenty thousand and five hundred Acres of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing Date the fourth day of this Instant Month of May, and entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates, their heirs and Assigns forever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, we have given granted ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give, grant ratify and confirm unto them the said William Cockburn, Archibald Campbell, Alexander Ellice, Robert Ellice, John Portious, Nicholas Trumpour;

5. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 24.
6. See p. 208 post.

William Cockburn was a New York surveyor often employed by James Duane and others on the lands in southwestern Vermont. He was one of the proprietors of Socialborough, see p. 208 post.—A Revolutionary Conservative, Alexander, pp. 57-8; 73-75; 221.

Lieutenant Archibald Campbell, a surveyor; wounded at Ticonderoga; appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Charlotte County in 1775.—Catalogue of Maps and Surveys (1859), p. 202; Colonial History of New York, vol. X, p. 729; Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 505.

Alexander Whyte, John Wigram, John Willis, Catharine Cockburn, Francis Child, John Ramsey, Walter Buchanan, John Thompson, James Phyn, John Bowles, Crean Brush, Thomas Buchanan, Johannes Freligh, James Thompson and Archibald Currie their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out, abutted, bounded and described in manner and Form as above mentioned, together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: And also all our Estate Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal one and twentieth (the whole into twenty one equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and *Premises* by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and Seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. And we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof, a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Kelso* for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province: And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty first day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

NEWBROOK*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 215-220]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall Come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subject Jacobus Vanzandt by his humble Petition[1] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first day of January now last past, did set forth among other Things That the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a Tract of Land on the West side of Connecticut River, Beginning at a large hard Maple Tree marked 23^{d} September 1767, standing one hundred and twenty Chains from the South east Corner of a Tract of Land petitioned for by John Morin Scott Esquire[2] and others; Thence along the South Line of the said

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* Parts of present Barre City and Town, Berlin and Williamstown.

1. Vol. 26, p. 30.
2. Kingsborough, see p. 144 post.

Tract of Land to the Southwest Corner thereof, thence Southerly Easterly and Northerly to the Place of beginning so as to comprehend the Quantity of twenty three thousand Acres; That the said Tract of Land though within the Limits formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire had not been granted by that Government but remained still vacant and vested in us. And therefore *the* Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates humbly prayed that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant to him and his Associates mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed the Tract of Land aforesaid. *And* that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Newbrook with the usual Privileges. *Which Petition* having been then read and referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioner and his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid and their heirs the Tract of Land described in the said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: And that the same should be thereby erected into a Township by the Name of Newbrook with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Jacobus VanZandt and for his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, William Waddle, John Levine, Philip Doughty, Thomas Gordon, Smith Ramadge, Levenus Willet, Robert M[c]Monnomy, James Bennett, Alexander Maccullagh, Joseph Beck, Lewis Relyea, James Wilmot, Henry Grigg, John Wilson, John Kelly, John Lewis, Jacob Wilkins, Henry Thomas, Richard Wenman, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Henry Boel and Andrew Cunningham. *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, Beginning[3] at the Southwesternmost Corner of a Tract of Sixteen thousand Acres of Land lately granted to Piere DePeyster[4] and others, and runs thence North Sixty degrees West four hundred and eighty one Chains; then North thirty Degrees East five hundred and three Chains; then South sixty Degrees East four hundred and eighty one Chains; then South thirty degrees West five

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 142.
4. Kempeton, see p. 91 ante; also vol. 26, pp. 11 and 28, with maps.

The first paragraph of the above petition for Newbrook states "That your Petitioner together with Jacobus Montanje, since deceased, and their associates obtained on a former petition an order of the 15th April 1767 granting to them a tract of land containing about 23,000 acres, and finding the same almost wholly unfit for Cultivation have relinquished their claim thereto." This former petition is found in vol. 22, p. 142.

Jacobus VanZandt was a member of the General Committee of New York City in 1775.—New York Colonial Manuscripts, VIII, p. 601.

hundred and three Chains to the Place where this Tract first began containing twenty three thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the thirty first day of May now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear; Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according ot our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Jacobus VanZandt, William Waddle, John Levine, Philip Doughty, Thomas Gordon, Smith Ramadge, Marinus Willet, Robert McMennomy, James Bennett, Alexander Maccullagh, Joseph Beck, Lewis Relyea, James Wilmot, Henry Grigg, John Wilson, John Kelly, John Lewis, Jacob Wilkins, Henry Thomas, Richard Wenman, Isaac Ryckman Junior, Henry Boel, and Andrew Cunningham their heirs and Assigns for ever, All that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned, together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* One full and equal twenty third Part (the whole into twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To* be holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefor yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at

our Custom Houe in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part *thereof,* And We do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Newbrook* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge *and* meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and and [*sic*] a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the thirteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

KINGSBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 274-280]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. To all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subjects John Morin Scott and Thomas Smith by their humble Petition[1] in behalf of themselves and their Associates presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first day of January now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioners and their Associates did on the twenty fourth day of November which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven present a Petition[2] to our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province praying a Grant of a certain Tract of Land situate on the West side of Connecticut River and in the said first mentioned Petition described to be about nineteen Miles upon a Course North forty one degrees West from the North east Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Newbury. Beginning at a Black Birch Tree marked 17 September Anno Domini 1767, I O E : M : and running from thence North sixty degrees West forty Perches to a Butternut Tree marked 17 September I M Anno Dom 1767, which Butternut Tree stands on the West Bank of a Small River; from thence North sixty degrees West five hundred Chains; then South thirty degrees West five hundred and Sixty Chains: From thence upon a paralel line with the first Line above mentioned six hundred Chains to a Beech Tree marked 23^{d} Sep^{r} 1767: then upon a Paralel Line with the West Line abovementioned five hundred and sixty Chains to the Place of Beginning containing thirty five thousand Acres of Land; That the said Tract of Land had never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire during the Time that Government assumed a Right of Jurisdiction in that Quarter, but did still remain vacant and vested in us; that the Petitioners and their Associates had procured an actual Survey of the said Tract of Land at considerable Expence: *And* therefore the Petitioners in behalf of themselves and their Associates humbly prayed a Grant of the Lands above described to them and their Associates mentioned in the said first recited Petition, and that agreable to the Prayer thereof the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Kingsborough. *Which Petition* having been then read and referred to a Committee of our *Council* for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same thirty first day of January in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and

* Parts of Montpelier, East Montpelier, Plainfield, Marshfield and Calais.

1. Vol. 26, p. 34.
2. Vol. 26, p. 38.

Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their Associates mentioned in their said first Petition the Tract of Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And* that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Kingsborough with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province *And whereas* on the farther Petition[3] of the said John Morin Scott and Thomas Smith in behalf of themselves and their Associates read in our Council as aforesaid on the second day of May now last past it was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief with the advice and Consent of our said Council, that the Names of Oliver Templeton, John Stewart, William Young, James Hounam, Vincent Carter, Elihu Hall Bay and Edward Seabring should be inserted as Grantees in the Letters Patent for the said Lands instead of the Names of John Elliot, Jacob Culver, Jacob Shaver, John Devane, John Devane Junior, Francis Elliot and John Howell Persons named in the said first Petition and who have relinquished their Interest in the said Lands. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said John Morin Scott and Thomas Smith and for their Associates to wit, Adrian Renaudet, Adrian Rutgers, Richard Sharpe, William Thompson junior, Egbert Benson, Gilbert Burger, Samuel Smith, Isaac Ryckman junior, Lindley Murray, Cornwell Sands, John Turner, John Bissonet, Nicholas Carmer, Thomas Stewart, Robert Robinson, Thomas M^{c}Farran, Fergus Backer, John Murray, William Gillylan Junior, James M^{c}Cartney, James Seagrove, Thomas Grigg, John Vredenburgh, Jacob Vredenburgh, John Wilson, Nicholas C. Bogart, Oliver Templeton, John Stewart, William Young, James Hounam, Vincent Carter, Elihu Hall Bay and Edward Seabring, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York. Beginning[4] at the Northeasternmost Corner of a Tract of twenty three thousand Acres of Land surveyed for Jacobus VanZandt[5] and his Associates: and runs from the said Place of Beginning along the northern Bounds of the abovementioned Tract surveyed for the said Jacobus VanZandt and his Associates, North sixty Degrees West three hundred and Eighty five Chains; then North thirty degrees

3. Vol. 27, p. 35.
4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 26, p. 144.
5. Newbrook, see p. 140 ante.

John Morin Scott was a leading member of the New York bar; member of the Committee of Fifteen to prevent the landing of the tea by the East India Company in 1773; Brigadier General of New York state troops, 1775-1777; member of New York Council of Safety, 1777; one of the framers of the first State Constitution; member of Congress, three terms; Secretary of State, 1778-1780. Died in 1784.—Alexander.—A Revolutionary Conservative, pp. 31, 97. Hall,—Eastern Vermont, 248; National Cyclopedia of American Biography, II, 240; IV, 352.

East six hundred and twelve Chains and two Rods; then South Sixty degrees East Six hundred Chains; then South thirty degrees West six hundred and twelve Chains and two Rods; then North sixty degrees West two hundred and fifteen Chains to the Place where this Tract set out for the said John Morin Scott, Thomas Smith and their Associates first began, containing thirty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land, our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the twelfth day of this Instant Month of June and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land Set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do by* these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Morin Scott, Thomas Smith, Adrian Renaudet, Adrian Rutgers, Richard Sharpe, William Thompson junior, Egbert Benson Gilbert Burger, Samuel Smith, Isaac Ryckman junior, Lindley Murray, Cornwell Sands, John Turner, John Bissonet, Nicholas Carmer, Thomas Stewart, Robert Robinson, Thomas M^cFarren, Fergus Backer, John Murray, William Gillylan junior, James M^cCartney, James Seagrove, Thomas Grigg, John Vredenburgh, Jacob Vredenburgh, John Wilson, Nicholas C Bogert, Oliver Templeton, John Stewart, William Young, James Hounam, Vincert Carter, Elihu Hall Bay and Edward Seabring their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid Set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant *unto* us our heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty fifth Part (the whole into thirty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein

before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. *To* be holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain; *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, *Saving* and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *And* we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Kingsborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in stantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province: And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; And we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent *and* the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said

Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty fifth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy, and of our Reign the Tenth.

ALEXANDER, HUGH and MAGILL WALLACE TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 314-318]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our trusty and wellbeloved Hugh Wallace Esquire, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Sixth day of June now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioners Hugh Wallace and Magill Wallace by a former Petition presented to our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province on the twenty first day of December which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, prayed our Letters Patent for a Tract of Land on the East side of Lake Champlain containing about two thousand Acres, On which Petition nothing was determined. That the said Tract still remained vested in us and as the *Petitioners* were informed was never granted by the Government of New Hampshire and might contain about three thousand Acres, And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray our Letters Patent to pass granting to them the said Tract of Land, *Beginning* at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Henry Cuyler, running along his Bounds West to this Northeast Corner, then North to a Tract of Land surveyed for Lieutenant Allan Grant; then along his Bounds West to a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant Alexander Grant; then South along his East Bounds and West along his South Bounds to the Lake; then along the Lake to the Place of Beginning, containing about three thousand Acres: Which Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent That our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners and their heirs, the Lands by them prayed for and described in their said Petition according to the Prayer thereof, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: *In pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands

* In present Orwell.

1. Vol. 27, p. 55.

to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Hugh Wallace, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the East side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, about sixteen Miles to the Southward of Crown Point, Beginning[2] at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of three thousand Acres of Land granted to Henry Cuyler[3]; and runs thence along the west Bounds of a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land surveyed for Duncan Campbell[4] North one hundred and fifty six Chains, to a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant Allan Grant[5]; then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West one hundred and thirty six Chains to a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant Alexander Grant[6]; Then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South eighty Chains; and then along the South Bounds of the same Tract of Land West to the abovementioned Waters; then up the East Bank of the said Waters as it winds and turns to the aforesaid Tract of three thousand Acres of Land granted to Henry Cuyler; and then along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East to the Place where this Tract began, containing three thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And* in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Sixth day of this Instant Month of July and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Hugh Wallace, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Posses-

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 59.
3. Vol. 23, p. 126.
4. Vol. 27, p. 61.
5. Vol. 23, p. 122.
6. Vol. 20, p. 22.

Hugh Wallace was a member of the N. Y. Colonial Council, 1769-1770.—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 9.

Both Alexander and Hugh Wallace were among the claimants before the British Commissioners for losses of estates in Vermont.—Audit Office Transcripts in N. Y. Public Library, vol. 42, pp. 89-115; 351-389.

sion Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors forever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal third Part (the whole into three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them the said Hugh Wallace, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace, their heirs and Assigns respectively: *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof: Saving and except for such Part of the *said* Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless that if the said Hugh Wallace, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace their heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract, Or if they the said Hugh Wallace, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace or one of them, their or one of their heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, Or if they the said Hugh Wallace, Magill Wallace and Alexander Wallace or any of them their or any of their heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Lycence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every

Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided further* and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding And we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the thirty first day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

HULTON*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 320-323]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subject James Abeel by his humble Petition[1] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first day of January now last past did set forth, That the Petitioner had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land situate in the County of Cumberland about eighteen Miles West of Connecticut River, adjoining to the East on the West Bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called or known

* Part of present Shrewsbury and Mount Holly.

1. Vol. 26, p. 27.

by the Name of Andover, and a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Ludlow; and to the West on the East Bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Harwich and a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Wallingford; and Northerly on the Southeasterly Bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Shrewsberry, containing by estimation about twelve thousand Acres That the said Lands altho' within the former Claim of our Province of New Hampshire are not included within any Grant heretofore made by that Government, and are still vacant and vested in us: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray That our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their heirs in equal Proportions, the above described Tract of Land, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Hulton with the usual Powers and Privileges. *Which Petition* having been then read and referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same thirty first day of January in pursuance of the report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioner and his Associates named in the Schedule at the Foot of the said Petition and their Heirs, the Lands in the said Petition described according to the Prayer thereof; under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; *And* that the said Tract should be erected into a Township by the Name of *Hulton* with the Privileges usually granted to other Townships within our said Province of New York. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for the said James Abeel and for his Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Derick Brinckerhoff, Theodorus Van Wyck, Garret Abeel, John Abeel, David Abeel, Evert Byvanck junior, John Neilson, John Gillelan, Samual S. Coeymans, *Thomas* Valentine, and Samuel Prince, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the west side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, Beginning[2] at two Beech Trees joining together marked ↑ *Brumley*[3] *ss Herwich,* having large Stones laid around them; and runs from the said two Beech Trees along a Line of Trees marked for the East Bounds of two Tracts of Land the one commonly called and known by the Name of Harwich[4] and the other by the Name of Wallingford,

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 77.
3. Present Peru.
4. Present Mount Holly.

James Abeel was born in Albany in 1733; died in New Brunswick, N. J. in 1825. Patriot of the Revolution. His Battalion was attached to John Morin Scott's Brigade at the Battle of Long Island. Subsequently he was attached to General Washington's staff as Deputy Quartermaster General, N. J. Continental Line.—The Abeel and Allied Families.

North ten degrees East nine hundred and Sixty Chains to a Hemlock Tree marked ↑ *SSWF* and Stones laid round it; then South eighty degrees East two hundred and sixty three Chains; then South twenty four Degrees and thirty Minutes West nine hundred and ninety six Chains to the Place where this Tract began, containing twelve thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions; As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the twenty first day of July now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their heirs and Assigns forever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said James Abeel, Derick Brinckerhoff, Theodorus Van Wyck, Garret Abeel, John Abeel, David Abeel, Evert Byvanck junior, John Neilson, John Gillelan, Samuel S. Coeymans, Thomas Valentine and Samuel Prince their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned, Together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof And of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors forever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal twelfth Part, (the whole into twelve equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their Heirs and Assigns *respectively* To their only proper and Separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be* holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great

Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever, for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *And* we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Hulton* forever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in *one* of the Books of Patents there remaining. *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our Present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these *Presents* contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto Affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the first Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy And of our Reign the Tenth.

LEYDEN*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 324-330]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting. Whereas* Our loving Subject Peter Keteltas and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in our Council for our said Province, on the thirtieth day of May now last past did set forth, That the Petitioners had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in our Province of New York to the Westward of the Townships of Kempeton Kingsland and Lands granted to Nathaniel Marston and others, and to extend Northerly Southerly and Westerly so far as would include twenty four thousand Acres. And that the said Tract of Land though within the former Claim of the Government of New Hampshire hath not been granted by that Government but doth still remain vacant and vested in us. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased to grant unto them the Tract of Land above described, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Leyden with the usual Powers granted to other Townships within our said Province. *Which Petition* having been then read and referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same thirtieth day of May in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioner the said Peter Keteltas, and his Associates the other Petitioners whose Names are mentioned at the Foot of the said Petition and their heirs, the Tract of Land described in the said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. And that the said Tract of Land should by the said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Leyden, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof And in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province Have set out for the said Petitioner Peter *Keteltas,* and for his Associates the other Petitioners whose Names are mentioned at the Foot of the said Petition, to wit, Abraham Lott, John Bogart Junior, Evert Byvanck, Luke Roome, Robert G. Livingston, Evert Bancker, John Duryee, Andries Breested, Henry Kip, Elias Brevoort junior, Anthony Ten Eyck, James Beekman, Aaron Stockholm, John Gilbert, Christopher Steymetz, Richard Bancker, John Anthony, Peter

* Parts of present Northfield, and Roxbury.

1. Vol 27, p. 34.

Praa Van Zandt, William Hyer, Nicholas Bogart, Aert Huysman, Jeremiah Brower, and Henry Roome, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of four thousand Acres of Land lately granted to Lieutenants Richard Williams and Gilbert King[3]; and runs thence North sixty degrees West four hundred Chains; then South thirty degrees West five hundred and Seventy three Chains; then South Sixty degrees East six hundred and thirteen Chains; then North thirty degrees East One hundred and fourteen Chains to the abovementioned Tract of four thousand Acres of Land; then along the Southern and western Bounds of the same Tract North fifty seven Degrees West two hundred and thirteen Chains and one Rod, and North thirty degrees East four hundred and fifty nine Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, containing twenty four thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the first Day of this Instant Month of August, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner Peter Keteltas and his Associates the other Petitioners abovementioned their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned: *Knw Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed *And Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Peter Keteltas, Abraham Lott, John Bogart Junior, Evert Byvanck, Luke Roome, Robert G. Livingston, Evert Bancker, John Duryee, Andries Breested, Henry Kip, Elias Brevoort Junior, Anthony Ten Eyck, James Beekman, Aaron Stockholm, John Gilbert, Christopher Steymetz, Richard Bancker, John Anthony, Peter Praa Vanzandt, William Hyer, Nicholas Bogart, Aert Huysman, Jeremiah Brower and Henry Roome their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned, Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand what-

2. Return of survey not located.
3. Vol. 26, p. 25 (map).

Peter Keteltas was Second Lieutenant of a company of New York Rangers—Colonial History of New York, VIII. p. 602; charter member of the New York Public Library,—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 567. Listed as a merchant, p. 160, Burghers and Freemen of New York.

soever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty fourth Part (the whole into twenty four equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be* holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *And We do* of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Leyden* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province; *And* that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise

notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof: *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said Trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the seventh day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy, and of our Reign the Tenth.

DUNMORE*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 333-340]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our loving Subject John Woods in behalf of himself and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, And read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first day of January now last past, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land situate on the West Bank of Connecticut River within our said Province, adjoining to the South on the North Bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Barnet, and extending from the Northeasterly Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Barnet up the said River about three Miles; thence Westerly about six Miles; then Southerly to the Northwesterly Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Barnet, and then along the North Line of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Barnet to the Place of Beginning containing about twelve thousand Acres; And that the said Lands are not included within any Grant heretofore made by the Government of New Hampshire, and are still vacant and vested in us: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray That our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their heirs in

* Present Waterford and parts of St. Johnsbury and Concord.

1. Vol. 26, p. 33.

equal Proportions, the quantity of twelve thousand Acres of the above described Lands. And that the same might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges. *And whereas* William Swan, Herman Rutgers and twenty five other Persons by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief and read in our said Council on the said thirty first day of January now last past, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land situate a little to the West of Connecticut River within our said Province, Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of a Tract adjoining a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Barnet petitioned for by John Woods and others; thence Northerly about eight Miles; thence Easterly about six Miles thence Southerly to the said Tract petitioned for by John Woods and others; then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract to the Place of Beginning, containing twenty seven thousand Acres of Land: *And* that the said Lands are not included within any Grant heretofore made by the Government of New Hampshire and are still vacant and vested in us; And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their heirs in equal Proportions the Quantity of twenty seven thousand Acres of the Lands above described, *And* that the same might be erected into a Township. *Which* said several Petitions having been then referred to a Committee of our said Council, Our said Council did afterwards on the said thirty first day of January now last past, in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said respective Petitioners and their Associates named in the said Petitions or the Schedules thereunto annexed, and their heirs, the Lands in the said respective Petitions described, according to the Prayer of the said Petitions respectively; under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. And that the said Tracts should respectively be erected into Townships with the Privileges usually granted to other Townships within our said Province. *And whereas* the said John Woods and William Swan in behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[3] presented unto our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief and read in our said Council for our said Province on the twenty fifth day of July now last past, did set forth, That in virtue of two several Warrants of Survey bearing date the thirty first day of January last there had been surveyed for the Petitioners and their Associates the Quantity of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our said Province, to the Northward of and adjoining to a Tract of three thousand Acres

2. Vol 25, p. 136.
3. Vol. 27, p. 74.

of Land lately granted to Lieutenant Abernethy Cargill and several Non Commissioned Officers, bounded to the Southward by the said Tract and a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Barnet, and the River Connecticut; and to the Northward by vacant Land, and by the Township of Bessborough: That the said Tract of Land tho' within the Limits formerly claimed by the Government of New Hampshire had not been granted by that Government, And that the Petitioners being desirous to have the same erected into one Township instead of two as prayed for in their former Petitions, did therefore in behalf of themselves and their Associates, humbly pray That the whole of the said Tract of Land might be erected into one Township by the Name of Dunmore, with the usual Privileges; and that the Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land might issue in the Names of the Petitioners and their Associates mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed, who were all the Persons interested in the Premises On reading and due Consideration whereof, It was ordered by our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief by and with the Advice and Consent of our said Council, That the whole of the said Tract of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land should be erected into one Township by the Name of Dunmore, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province: *And* that the Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land should issue in the Names of the Petitioners and their Associates mentioned in the Schedule last aforesaid. *In Pursuance* whereof and in obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said John Woods, and William Swan, and for their Associates mentioned in the Schedule last aforesaid, to wit, Mervin Perry, Waldron Blauu, Florus Bancker, George Fraile, Peter Vandervoort, Gerard DePeyster, George Birks, John Stout, John Hopper, Robert Clark, John A. Hopper, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Bull, Samuel DeLucena, Isaac Corsa, Cornelius Rierson, Robert Doughty, George Hicks, Benjamin Carpenter, Thomas Thorne, John Sloan, John Farrington, James Burling. John Field junior, John Willet, Crean Brush, John Bowles, Samuel Tudor, Archibald Mercer Peter Barrow, Robert Hardgrave, James Stoker, George Etherington, Thomas Burges, Christopher Blundell, James Downes and Richard Kip Junior, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the North side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, Beginning[4] on the North Bank of the said River, at the Southeasternmost Corner of a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land lately granted to Lieutenant Abernethy Cargill[5]; and runs thence along the easternmost Bounds of the said Tract of Land, and of a Tract of one thousand Acres granted to John Cregg and four other Non commissioned Officers, North twenty eight degrees West three hundred and forty Chains, to the

4. Return of survey not located.
5. Vol. 26, p. 105.

Northeasternmost Corner of the last mentioned Tract of Land; then along the Northwesternmost Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract of Land South sixty two degrees West One hundred and four Chains, to the Easternmost Bounds of a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of Barnet; then North twenty eight degrees West One hundred and ninety two Chains; then North two hundred and thirty three Chains to the South west Corner of the Township of Bessborough[6]; then along the South Bounds of the said Township East five hundred and twenty Chains to the Southeast Corner of the said Township; then South forty two degrees East five hundred and sixty four Chains to Connecticut River; then down the North Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract first began, containing thirty nine thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, And have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the thirtieth day of July now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, we have given granted ratified and confirmed, And *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Woods, William Swan Mervin Perry, Waldron Blauu, Florus Bancker, George Fraile, Peter Vandervoort, Gerard DePeyster, George Birks, John Stout, John Hopper, Robert Clark, John A. Hopper, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Bull, Samuel DeLucena, Isaac Corsa, Cornelius Rierson, Robert Doughty George Hicks, Benjamin Carpenter, Thomas Thorne, John Sloan, John Farrington, James Burling, John Field junior, John Willet, Crean Brush, John Bowles, Samuel Tudor, Archibald Mercer, Peter Barrow, Robert *Hardgrave,* James Stoker, George Etherington, Thomas Burges, Christopher Blundell, James Downes and Richard Kip Junior, their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned; Together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the

6. See p. 116 ante.

John Woods of New York City and two other skillful gunsmiths were engaged by Governor Tryon in 1775 to go to England to be employed in the Tower or other King's Armory.—Sabine, Loyalists of the American Revolution, II, p. 454.

Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty ninth Part (the whole into thirty nine equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To* be holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsover for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Dunmore* forever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees; which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, *And* we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace

certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or *other* Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the eighth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

VIRGIN HALL*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp.342-346]

GEORGE *the third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting. Whereas* Our loving Subject Benjamin Stout and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the twenty fifth day of July now last past, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners had lately discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land within our said Province situate about eighteen Miles distance to the West of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland, Beginning at the Southwesterly Corner of the Township of Kent; from thence West to the East Bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Windhall; thence extending Northeastward on the easterly Bounds of the several Tracts of Land commonly called and known by the respective Names of Windhall, Brumley and Harwich, and along the Southeasterly Bounds of a certain Tract of Land lately advised to be granted to James Abeel and others to a Tree marked for the Northeasterly Corner thereof standing in the South Line of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Shrewsbury; then East along the said Line of the said Tract of Land so called and known by the Name of Shrewsbury, to a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of

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* Parts of Landgrove, Andover, Weston and Mount Holly. A strip of land about 22 miles long, the southerly portion being about 1¼ miles wide and the northerly portion about 3¼ miles wide.

1. Vol. 27, p. 71.

Saltash; then Southerly along the western Bounds of the Several Tracts of Land commonly called and known by the respective Names of Saltash, Ludlow Andover and Kent, to the Place of Beginning so as to include all the vacant Lands lying between and adjoining to the several Tracts of Land hereinbefore mentioned, containing by estimation about thirty thousand Acres of Land. That the said Tract of Land is not included within any Grant heretofore made by the Government of New Hampshire but is still vacant and vested in us. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray That our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their heirs in equal Proportions the above described Tract of Land; And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Virgin Hall, and vested with all the Powers and Privileges that are usually granted to other Townships within our said Province of New York. Which Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province; Our said Council for our said Province, did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Benjamin Stout and the other Petitioners his Associates named in the said Petition and their Heirs in equal Proportions, the Tract of vacant Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, *And* that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Virgin Hall with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province *Have* set out for the said Benjamin Stout and for the other Petitioners his Associates named in the said Petition to wit, John Stout, Junior, Caleb Hyatt, John Ludlow, Gerard DePeyster, James Livingston, John Abeel, Peter Vandervoort William Swan, William Clark, Nathan Smith, Nicholas Roach, Robert Clark, David Colden, Samuel Stevens, William Ellison, John Ellison, John Westervelt, George Birks, Cadwallader Colden Junior, Isaac Corsa, Anne DeLancey, John Hopper, Henry Godwin, Alice Colden, Joseph Bull, and Thomas Ellison junior, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the west side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, Beginning[2] at the southwesterly Corner of the Township of Kent[3]; and runs thence North eighty degrees West ninety six Chains; then North ten degrees East to the most Southerly corner of a Tract of twelve thousand Acres of Land lately granted to James Abeel[4] and his Associates; then along the eastern Bounds of the last mentioned Tract North twenty four degrees and thirty Minutes East nine hundred and ninety six Chains; then South eighty degrees East two hundred and Sixty three Chains;

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 82.
3. See p. 99 ante.
4. Hulton, see p. 151 ante.

then South thirty degrees West twelve hundred Chains to the aforesaid Township of Kent, and then westerly and Southerly along the Bounds of the said Township, to the Place where this Tract first began, containing twenty six thousand and five hundred acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing Date the thirtieth day of July now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Benjamin Stout and the other Petitioners his Associates abovementioned their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Benjamin Stout, John Stout junior, Caleb Hyatt, John Ludlow, Gerard DePeyster, James Livingston, John Abeel, Peter Vandervoort, William Swan, William Clark, Nathan Smith, Nicholas Roach, Robert Clark, David Colden, Samuel Stevens, William Ellison, John Ellison, John Westervelt, George Birks, Cadwallader Colden Junior, Isaac Corsa, Anne DeLancey, John Hopper, Henry Godwin, Alice Colden, Joseph Bull and Thomas Ellison junior their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned: Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: And also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty seventh Part (the whole into twenty seven equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, to their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich

in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General therefor the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Virgin Hall* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province: And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the ninth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy, and of our Reign the tenth.

HILLSBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 348-353]

GEORGE *the Third* by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our loving Subject Elias Bland and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the twenty fifth day of July now last past, did set forth among other Things, That the Petitioners had discovered a Tract of vacant Land a little to the West of Connecticut River within our said Province, situate in the County of Gloucester, Beginning in a Point where the North Line of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Peachum strikes the Westerly Bounds of a certain other Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Barnet; from thence Northerly on the said Tract of Land called—and known by the Name of Barnet, and Lands granted to John Woods and others, to a Tract of Land granted to Lawrence Kortright and others; and to extend so far Southwestward as shall comprehend the Quantity of thirty six thousand Acres of Land. That the said Tract of Land although within the former Claim of the Colony of New Hampshire hath not been granted by the Government of New Hampshire, and is still vacant and vested in us: *And therefore* the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their heirs in equal Proportions the above described Tract of Land, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Hillsborough, and vested with the usual Powers and Privileges that are granted to other Towns in our Province of New York. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Elias Bland and the other Petitioners his Associates named in the said Petition and their Heirs, in equal Proportions, the Tract of vacant Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: And that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Hillsborough, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province Have set out for the said Elias Bland, and for

* Part of present Danville and Walden.

1. Vol. 26, p. 145.

the other Petitioners his Associates named in the said Petition, to wit, Isaac Truax, John Abeel, Garret Abeel, Evert Byvanck junior, David Abeel, James Abeel, Johanna Neilson, John Neilson, Samuel S Coeymans, Gertrude Abeel, Johanna Murrow, John Voorheese Senior, Jacobus Bleecker, John Lee, William Swan, Tobias Stoutenburgh, Peter Stoutenburgh, John Gillelan, Samuel Prince, Anthony Ten Eyck, Philip Van Cortlandt, Moses Ogden, Derick Brinckerhoff, Theodorus Van Wyck, Maria Abeel, John Bancker, Jesse Oakley, John Bowles, Crean Brush, John Bryan, Majeke Coeyman, Abraham Wilson, Abraham Brinckerhoff, Abraham Van Wyck and John Byvanck, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York *Beginning*[2] at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Six hundred Acres of Land lately granted to Jeremiah Thompson[3] and eleven other private Soldiers; and runs thence along the west Bounds of a Tract of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land, surveyed for John Woods, William Swan[4] and their Associates and part of the west Bounds of the Township of Besborough[5] North eight hundred Chains; then West four hundred and twenty Chains; then South five hundred and Sixty Seven Chains; then South forty eight degrees West two hundred and Sixty Seven Chains; then South Sixty eight degrees East three *hundred* and fifty Chains; then North forty eight degrees East two hundred and Sixty seven Chains; then South sixty eight degrees East one hundred and forty eight Chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land began containing thirty six thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract or Parcel of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing Date the fourth day of this Instant Month of August and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Elias Bland and the other Petitioners his Associates abovementioned their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Elias Bland, Isaac Truax, John Abeel, Garret Abeel, Evert Byvanck junior, David Abeel, James Abeel, Johanna Neilson, John Neilson, Samuel S. Coeymans, Gertrude Abeel,

2. See vol. 34, p. 17, for a petition for an explanatory grant of Hillsborough, with a survey and map. This survey was made in June 1774.
3. Vol. 27, p. 8.
4. Dunmore, see p. 158 ante.
5. See p. 116 ante.

Johanna Murrow, John Voorheese Senior, Jacobus Bleecker, John Lee, William Swan, Tobias Stoutenburgh, Peter Stoutenburgh, John Gillelan, Samuel Prince, Anthony Ten Eyck, Philip Van Cortlandt, Moses Ogden, Derick Brinckerhoff, Theodorus Van Wyck, Maria Abeel, John Bancker, Jesse Oakley, John Bowles, Crean Brush, John Bryan, Majcke Coeyman, Abraham Wilson, Abraham Brinckerhoff, Abraham Van Wyck, and John Byvanck, their heirs and Assigns for ever; *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned; Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty sixth Part, (the whole into thirty six equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Hillsborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers;

method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province; and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise Concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. *At* our Fort in our City of New York the tenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

JAMES ABEEL TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 365-370]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects James Abeel and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the twenty fifth day of July now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioners had discovered a certain large Tract of Land situate lying and being on the west side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland between a Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of New Fane, a Tract

* Western part of present Jamaica and Wardsborough.

1. Vol. 27, p. 29.

of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Townsend, and a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Tomlinson, and extending westerly to other Tracts of Land granted by the Government of New Hampshire: That a considerable Part of the said Tract of Land had been lately granted under the Great Seal of our said Province of New York, and erected into Townships by the Names of Camden and Warrens Town, and that some Parts thereof had been likewise granted to reduced Officers: That exclusive of the Grants so made of the Lands aforesaid, there yet remained a Tract of vacant Land, part and Parcel of the said large Tract, capable of subsisting a number of Families, and for which the Petitioners were desirous of suing out Letters Patent in order to cultivate and improve the same: That the said vacant Lands had never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire and still remain vested in us: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them their Heirs and Assigns such Part of the vacant Lands aforesaid as should be found fit for Cultivation not exceeding the Quantity of one thousand Acres to each of them: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief shall by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioner James Abeel and the other Petitioners his Associates named in the Schedule at the Foot of the said Petition and their heirs, the vacant Lands aforesaid, not exceeding the Quantity of one thousand Acres to each of the said Petitioners, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said James Abeel and for the other Petitioners his Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, William Swan, Peter Stoutenburg, Evert Byvanck Junior, Theodorus Van Wyck, John Voorheese, Johanna Neilson, John Gillelan, John Kennedy and John Shaw, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, Beginning[2] at the Southwest Corner of the Township of Kent[3]; and runs thence South ten degrees West, one thousand one hundred and five Chains; then North eighty degrees West ninety six Chains; then North ten degrees East one thousand one hundred and five Chains; and then South eighty degrees East ninety six Chains, to the Place where this Tract began containing ten thousand Acres of Land and the usual

2. No return of survey was located. It is a strip about fourteen miles long and one and one-fifth miles wide.

3. See p. 99 ante.

For note on James Abeel see p. 152 ante.

Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the sixtenth day of August now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said James Abeel, William Swan, Peter Stoutenburg, Evert Byvanck Junior, Theodorus Van Wyck, John Voorheese, Johanna Neilson, John Gillelan, John Kennedy and John Shaw their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned *together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; And also all our Estate, Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Tenth Part (the whole into ten equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and Separate use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and

Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided always* and upon Condition nevertheless, That if our said Grantees their heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them, shall not within three Years Next after the Date of this our present Grant, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract, Or if they our said Grantees or one of them their or one of their Heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them their or any of their Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Lycence of Us, Our Heirs or Successors *for* so doing first had and obtained, That then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding; *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And We do* moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and purposes whatsoever, against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and well-beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the fourth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy, and of our Reign the Tenth.

WILLIAM FARQUHAR'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 377-380]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects William Farquhar, James Farquhar John Amiel Junior, Thomas Farmer, and Jasper Farmer by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in our Council for our said Province on the twenty fifth day of July now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioners had discovered a certain vacant Tract of Land in the County of Albany within our said Province of New York to the Southward of Crown Point, between three and four Miles to the Eastward of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain adjoining on the West to Lands granted to Henry Cuyler, Cortlandt Schuyler and Duncan Forbes; on the South and East to Lands surveyed for Major Philip Skene and on the North to Lands granted to Lieutenant Duncan Campbell, which the Petitioners were willing to improve and cultivate, and which Tract of vacant Land had not been granted by the Government of New Hampshire: *And* therefore the Petitioners humbly prayed that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased to grant our Letters Patent unto them the Petitioners for the Tract of Land aforesaid: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioners and their Heirs the vacant Tract of Land described in their said Petition; under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Petitioners William Farquhar, James Farquhar, John Amiel Junior, Thomas Farmer, and Jasper Farmer, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York: *Beginning*[2] in the East Bounds of a Tract of three thousand Acres of Land granted to Henry Cuyler[3], at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of two thousand Acres of land lately granted to Duncan Campbell[4]; and runs thence along the

* In Benson and vicinity.

1. Vol. 27, p. 68.
2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 89.
3. Vol. 23, p. 126.
4. Vol. 27, p. 61.

said East Bounds of the first mentioned Tract of Land, and the East Bounds of a Tract of three thousand Acres of Land granted to Cortlandt Schuyler[5], South two hundred and fifty one Chains; then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West one hundred and thirteen Chains to a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land granted to Duncan Forbes[6]; then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South one hundred Chains; then East two hundred and thirty two Chains; then North three hundred and fifty one Chains; then West one hundred and nineteen Chains to the Place where this Tract began: containing five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the twentieth day of August now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know Ye That* of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said William Farquhar, James Farquhar, John Amiel Junior, Thomas Farmer and Jasper Farmer their heirs and Assigns forever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Fifth Part (the whole into five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is herein before excepted)

5. Vol. 23, p. 127.
6. Vol. 19, p. 103.

William Farquhar was a Lieutenant in H. M. 47th Regiment of Foot.—Catalogue of Maps and Surveys, N. Y., 1859, p. 154.

unto each of them the said William Farquhar, James Farquhar, John Amiel Junior, Thomas Farmer and Jasper Farmer their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, That if they the said William Farquhar, James Farquhar, John Amiel junior, Thomas Farmer and Jasper Farmer their heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them shall not within three years next after the Date of this our present Grant, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract, Or if they the said William Farquhar, James Farquhar, John Amiel Junior, Thomas Farmer and Jasper Farmer or one of them, their or one of their heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, Or if they the said William Farquhar, James Farquhar, John Amiel Junior, Thomas Farmer and Jasper Farmer, or any of them their or any of their heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining. And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors

Office there for our said Province: And that in default *thereof* this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwith standing. *And* We do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsover against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. At our Fort in our City of New York the eight day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy and of our Reign the Tenth.

KERSBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 401-412]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall Come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Archibald Hamilton, *Alice* Hamilton, Anthony Farrington, Elizabeth Farrington, John Antill, Margaret Antill, Richard Nicholls Colden, Jane Colden, John Colden, Elkanah Deane, George Fraile, Richard Deane, William Forman, George Wray, Samuel Tudor, John Tudor, Lewis Antill, Lambert Cadwallader, Archibald Mercer and Samuel Burling, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in our Council for our said Province on the third day of September now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioner had discovered a large vacant Tract of Land not granted under the Government of New Hampshire situate lying and being on the North side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester and within our Province of New York adjoining the said River and the Township of Besborough, and a Tract of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land surveyed for John Woods and William Swan and their Associates. That the Petitioners were desirous of setling and improving twenty thousand Acres of Land part of the said larger Tract of vacant Lands

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* Present Concord.

1. Vol. 27, p. 83.

to be bounded Westward by the said Tract of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land, Southward by Connecticut River, and extending five Miles Eastward along the said River measured on a straight Line, and thence Northwesterly into the Woods so far as to include the said Quantity of twenty thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be pleased to erect the above described Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land into a Township by the Name of Kersborough, and to grant our Letters Patent for one thousand Acres of Land of the said Tract unto each of the Petitioners and their heirs, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, Our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their heirs one thousand Acres each of the Tract of vacant Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions; And that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of Kersborough, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Petitioners, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate lying and being on the North side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] on the Bank of the said River at the Northeasterly Corner of a Tract of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land lately granted to John Woods and William Swan and their Associates, and erected into a Township by the Name of Dunmore[3] and runs thence along the Northeasterly Bounds of the said Township North forty two Degrees West five hundred and twenty two Chains; Then North forty eight Degrees East three hundred and thirty two Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; and then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract first began, containing twenty thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *Which* Tract of Land our said Commissioners have laid out and divided into

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 27, p. 96.
3. See p. 158 ante.

Col. Archibald Hamilton was with the Amherst Expedition, serving in America until 1774, when he left the army and settled in Flushing, L. I. In 1776 he was arrested by the N. Y. Provincial Congress; later General Washington sent him to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, by whom he was permitted to reside at New Brunswick, later returning to Flushing. He soon joined the Loyalists and was at the head of the Queen's County Militia. He was in active service until the close of the war.—N. Y. Col. Mss., VIII, p. 755.

ten smaller Tracts or Lots to be severally allotted and granted or limited to the separate and respective uses of them the Petitioners respectively in such Proportions as are herein after mentioned, that is to say: *To and for* the said Archibald Hamilton and Alice Hamilton one of the said Lotts to wit, *All* that certain Tract part and parcel of the above described larger Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land, Beginning on the Bank of Connecticut River at the Northeast Corner of the abovementioned Tract of thirty nine thousand Acres of Land lately erected into a Township by the Name of Dunmore; and runs thence along the Northeasterly Bounds of the said Township North forty two degrees West five hundred and twenty two Chains; then North forty eight degrees East forty one Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River, and then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And to and for* the said Anthony Farrington and Elizabeth Farrington, *All* that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land, Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for Archibald Hamilton and Alice Hamilton; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East thirty eight chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; and then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And to and for* the said John Antill and Margaret Antill, *All* that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land Beginning at the northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for the said Anthony Farrington and Elizabeth Farrington; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East thirty six Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; thendown the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And to and for* the said Richard Nicholls Colden and Elkanah Deane, All that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land; Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for John Antill and Margaret Antill; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East thirty three Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And to and for* the said Jane Colden and Richard Deane, All that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land, Beginning at the

Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for Richard Nicholls Colden and Elkanah Deane and runs thence North Forty eight degrees East thirty three Chains; then south forty two Degrees East to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And to and for* the said John Colden and George Fraile, *All* that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land; *Beginning* at the Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for Jane Colden and Richard Deane; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East thirty two Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, Containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways: *And to and for* the said William Forman and George Wray All that certain Tract, Part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land; Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for John Colden and George Fraile; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East Thirty Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; and then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And to and for* the said Lewis Antill and Lambert Cadwallader *All* that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land; Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for the said William Forman and George Wray; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East thirty Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty eight degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And to and for* the said Samuel Tudor and John Tudor, All that certain Tract part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land, Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for the said Lewis Antill and Lambert Cadwallader; and runs thence North forty eight degrees East thirty Chains; then South forty two degrees East to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two Degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And to and for* the said Archi-

bald Mercer and Samuel Burling, *All* that certain Tract Part and Parcel of the said larger Tract of Land; Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the last mentioned Tract surveyed and laid out for the said Samuel Tudor and John Tudor; and runs thence North forty eight Degrees East twenty nine Chains; then South forty two degrees *East* to Connecticut River; then down the Stream of the said River as it winds and turns to the said last mentioned Tract; and then along the Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract North forty two degrees West to the Place where this Tract began, containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the twenty ninth day of September now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. Which said Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever to and upon the Several and respective Uses Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions Provisoes and Conditions hereinafter limited appointed expressed and declared of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively; *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Archibald Hamilton, Alice Hamilton, Anthony Farrington, Elizabeth Farrington, John Antill, Margaret Antill, Richard Nicholls Colden, Jane Colden, John Colden, Elkanah Deane, George Fraile, Richard Deane, William Forman, George Wray, Samuel Tudor, John Tudor, Lewis Antill, Lambert Cadwallader, Archibald Mercer and Samuel Burling their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land including all the aforesaid Smaller Tracts or Lots of Land so divided and laid out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels thereof, and abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as herein abovementioned, containing in the whole twenty thousand Acres of Land besides the usual Allowance for Highways; Together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining: And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel theref: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches

Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and every the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto our Grantees above named their heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and of and concerning all and every the respective Lot and Lotts Parts and Parcels thereof and to and for no other use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say; *As for and concerning* all that the aforesaid Small Tract or Lot being part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted so set out for the said Archibald Hamilton and Alice Hamilton as beforementioned and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is herein before excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Archibald Hamilton and Alice Hamilton their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning all* That the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted so set out for the said Anthony Farrington and Elizabeth Farrington as before mentioned and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is herein before excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half Part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided, to and for the only proper and separate use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Anthony Farrington and Elizabeth Farrington their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning all* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted so set out for the said John Antill and Margaret Antill as beforementioned, and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is herein before excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate Use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said John Antill and Margaret Antill their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common

and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning All* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also Part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted, so set out for the said Richard Nicholls Colden and Elkanah Deane as before mentioned and every Part and Parcel of the same Smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging, (except as is hereinbefore excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half Part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate Use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Richard Nicholls Colden and Elkanah Deane their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other use or uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning All that* the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted so set out for the said Jane Colden and Richard Deane as beforementioned and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lott with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is hereinbefore excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate Use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Jane Colden and Richard Deane their heirs and Assigns respectively forever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning All* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted, so set out for the said John Colden and George Fraile as beforementioned and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is hereinbefore excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said John Colden and George Fraile their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other use or uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning All* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted so set out for the said William Forman and George Wray as beforementioned and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging, (except as is herein before excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate use Benefit

and Behoof of each of them the said William Forman and George Wray their heirs and Assigns respectively forever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other use or uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever: *And as for and concerning All* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises *hereby* granted so set out for the said Lewis Antill and Lambert Cadwallader as beforementioned, and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is herein before excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and Separate use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Lewis Antill and Lambert Cadwallader their Heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants and to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning All* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted so set out for the said Samuel Tudor and John Tudor as beforementioned and every Part and Parcel of the same Smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging, (except as is herein before excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half Part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and separate use, Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Samuel Tudor and John Tudor their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants, and to and for no other use or uses intent or Purpose whatsoever. *And as for and concerning All* that the aforesaid other small Tract or Lot being also part and Parcel of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted, so set out for the said Archibald Mercer and Samuel Burling as beforementioned and every Part and Parcel of the same smaller Tract or Lot, with all and every the Rights Members Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging (except as is hereinbefore excepted) *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half Part thereof (the whole thereof into two equal Parts to be divided) to and for the only proper and Separate use Benefit and Behoof of each of them the said Archibald Mercer and Samuel Burling their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other use or uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever; they the said Archibald Hamilton, Alice Hamilton, Anthony Farrington, Elizabeth Farrington, John Antill, Margaret Antill, Richard Nichols Colden, Elkanah Deane, Jane Colden, Richard Deane, John Colden, George Fraile, William Forman, George Wray, Lewis Antill, Lambert Cadwallader, Samuel Tudor, John Tudor, Archibald Mercer and Samuel Burling and their several and respective heirs and Assigns, severally separately and respectively to hold of us our heirs and Assigns,

severally separately and respectively to hold of us our heirs and Successors the said several and respective small Tract and Tracts Lot and Lots Parts and Parcels of the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises hereby granted according to their several and respective Shares and Interests therein respectively herein before severally and respectively to them limited in use as aforesaid, in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. Yielding rendering and paying therefore respectively yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land herein before so severally and respectively to them limited in use as aforesaid, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity of the same respectively, saving and except for such Part of the said respective Lots Tracts or Parcels of Land allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land so severally and respectively to them limited in use as aforesaid, or any Part of the same respectively; *And* We being willing according to the Prayer of the said Petitioners to create and make the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land hereby granted a Township, and to grant to the Inhabitants of the same such Powers and Privileges as the Inhabitants of other Townships in our said Province have and do enjoy: *Know Ye* therefore that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We do by these Presents create erect and constitute the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land hereby granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof one Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Kersborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided always and upon Condition nevertheless that if the said Archibald Hamilton, Alice Hamilton, Anthony Farrington, Elizabeth Farrington, John Antill, Margaret Antill, Richard Nicholls Colden, Elkanah Deane, Jane Colden, Richard Deane, John Colden, George Fraile; William Forman, George Wray, Lewis Antill, Lambert Cadwallader, Samuel Tudor, John Tudor, Archibald Mercer, and Samuel Burling respectively, their respective heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them respectively, shall not within three Years next after the Date hereof settle on the said respective small Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land so respectively herein before limited in use to them respectively as aforesaid, one Family for every thousand Acres of the same respective small Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land; Or if they the said Archibald Hamilton,

Alice Hamilton, Anthony Farrington, Elizabeth Farrington, John Antill, Margaret Antill, Richard Nicholls Colden, Elkanah Deane, Jane Colden, Richard Deane, John Colden, George Traile, William Forman, George Wray, Lewis Antill, Lambert Cadwallader, Samuel Tudor, John Tudor, Archibald Mercer, and Samuel Burling respectively, their respective heirs or Assigns or some or one of them respectively, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate of and in the said several and distinct small Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land so severally and respectively hereinbefore limited in use to them respectively as aforesaid, at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of the said small Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land respectively as are capable of Cultivation: *Or* if they the said Archibald Hamilton, Alice Hamilton, Anthony Farrington, Elizabeth Farrington, John Antill, Margaret Antill, Richard Nicholls Colden, Elkanah Deane, Jane Colden, Richard Deane, John Colden, George Fraile, William Forman, George Wray, Lewis Antill, Lambert Cadwallader, Samuel Tudor, John Tudor, Archibald Mercer, and Samuel Burling respectively their or any of their respective Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their respective Privity Consent or Procurement, shall on any of the said small Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land respectively so hereinbefore limited in use to them respectively as aforesaid, fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be altogether void and of none Effect, as to such of the said Respective small Tracts Lots and Parcels of Land of and in the said large Tract of twenty thousand Acres of Land and Premises, concerning which or wherein any Breach of these Provisoes and Conditions shall be respectively made; And then and in any of the said Cases such the said respective small Tracts Lots and Parcels of Land and the use and uses thereof herein before respectively limited and appointed, shall revert and result again to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided further* and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And We do* moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Doc-

quet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents Constructions and purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof: *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America. At Our Fort in our City of New York the thirteenth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and *Seventy* and of our Reign the Tenth.

St CATHARINES*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 419-425]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our Loving Subjects Adam Gilchrist, James Boggs, Abraham Ten Eyck, William Newton, Robert Hull, Elizabeth Barnard, Jane Harle, Samuel Jobs, Thomas Pringle, John Thompson, Samuel Selby, and William Hume, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province on the eighteenth day of July which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six did set forth That they had discovered a certain Tract of Land vested in our Crown situate lying and being in our County of Albany in our said Province about twenty Miles East of Hudson's River and to the Eastward of Lands laid out for Lieutenant James Brodie, Captain Ecuyer, Lieutenant George Mooney, Captain Faesch and others; that the Petitioners were desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent for the same, in order to make a Speedy Settlement and Improvement thereon, and to cultivate the same: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Governor would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant one thousand Acres of the said Tract of Land unto each of the Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: Which Petition having been then and there read and considered of by our Council of our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same day humbly advise and consent that

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* Western part of present Wells and Poultney.

1. Vol. 20, p. 157.

our said Governor should by our Letters Patent grant unto each of the said Petitioners and their heirs the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the vacant Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions: *And whereas* Our said Loving Subject Adam Gilchrist by his Petition[2] in behalf of himself and his Associates presented to our said Governor and read in our said Council for our said Province on the thirtieth day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Seven, did humbly pray that in the Letters Patent to be granted to the Petitioners first above named, the Lands to be thereby granted together with the adjacent Tracts might be erected into a Township by the Name of Saint Catharines with the usual Privileges, to be bounded limited and described as in the said Petition is set forth: Which Petition having been then duly considered by our Council of our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same last mentioned Day humbly advise Our said Governor to grant the Prayer thereof: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Adam Gilchrist, James Boggs, Abraham Ten Eyck, William Newton, Robert Hull, Elizabeth Barnard, Jane Harle, Samuel Jobs, Thomas Pringle, John Thompson, Samuel Selby, and William Hume, *All* that certain Tract of Land situate lying and being in our County of Albany within our Province of New York eastward of Wood Creek; Beginning[3] at a Small Hemlock Tree marked with the Letters w c and the Figures *1766* Standing on the West Bank of a Lake called S^{t} Catharines, a Point of the said Lake to the Northward bearing North fifty degrees East, and a Point on the East Side of the Said Lake bearing South nine degrees East from the said Hemlock Tree; and this Tract runs from the said Place of Beginning West two hundred and Seventy Chains; then North Seventy nine Chains and eighty eight Links to a Tract of Land granted to Doctor Robert Bass[4]; then along the South Bounds of the said Tract East two hundred and Sixty two Chains to the Southeast Corner thereof; then North four hundred and forty four Chains; then East one hundred and forty Chains; then South one hundred and fifty four Chains; then East one hundred Chains; then South three hundred and fifteen Chains; then West one hundred and seventeen Chains; then South one hundred and forty two Chains; then West eighty one Chains to the East side of the aforesaid Lake; then along the said Lake southerly to a Point of Land that jetts into the Lake; and then Northerly as the said Lake runs to the North end thereof; and then Southerly along the west side of the said Lake as it runs to the Place where this Tract first began containing twelve thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: The said Tract of twelve thousand Acres of Land together with the other Tracts adjacent

2. Vol. 23, p. 28.
3. Returns of survey, with maps, vol. 20, p. 157 and vol. 23, pp. 22 and 28.
4. Vol 27, p. 165.

thereto to be erected into a Township by the Name of Saint Catharines and to be bounded limited and described as follows, that is to say, Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Skenesborough[5], and running from thence East five hundred and fifty four Chains; thence South Seven hundred and Sixty one Chains and fifty Links; thence West eight hundred and forty Six Chains and fifty Links to the South east Corner of a certain Tract of Land known by the Name of the Artillery Patent[6]; thence along the Bounds thereof North three hundred and thirty five Chains and fifty Links to the South Bounds of the said Township of Skenesborough; thence along the Bounds of the said Township East two hundred and ninety two Chains and fifty Links to the South east Corner thereof; thence North four hundred and twenty Six Chains to the Place of Beginning: And in setting out the said Tract of twelve thousand Acres of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands *bearing* Date the twenty fourth day of April in the Year last aforesaid and entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province may more fully appear: Which said Tract of twelve thousand Acres of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns forever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed and Do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Adam Gilchrist, James Boggs, Abraham Ten Eyck, William Newton, Robert Hull, Elizabeth Barnard, Jane Harle, Samuel Jobs, Thomas Pringle, John Thompson, Samuel Selby, and William Hume their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the said Tract of twelve thousand Acres of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as abovementioned; together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, and also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same twelve thousand Acres of Land and Premises thereunto belonging and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, All mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the growth of twenty four Inches diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts

5. Now Whitehall, N. Y. and vicinity, see p. 267 post.
6. Vol. 23, pp. 22 and 28.

Adam Gilchrist is listed as "Taylor" on October 1, 1765, in Burghers and Freemen of New York, p. 207, New York Historical Society Collections.

for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal twelfth Part (the whole into twelve equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and Seperate use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To* be holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time Being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services dues duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof. *And* we being willing according to the Prayer of the said Petitioners to create and make the said Tract of Land hereby granted a Township with such other of the adjacent Lands as are included and comprehended within the Bounds and Limits following, that is to say, Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Skenesborough and running from thence East five hundred and fifty four Chains, thence South seven hundred and Sixty one Chains and fifty Links; thence West eight hundred and forty Six Chains and fifty Links to the South east Corner of a certain Tract of Land known by the Name of the Artillery Patent; thence along the Bounds thereof North three hundred and thirty five Chains and fifty Links to the South Bounds of the said Township of Skenesborough; thence along the Bounds of the said Township East two hundred and ninety two Chains and fifty Links to the Southeast Corner thereof; thence North four hundred and twenty Six Chains to the Place of Beginning; and to grant to the Inhabitants of the same such Powers and Privileges as the Inhabitants of other Townships in our said Province have and do enjoy: *Know Ye* therefore that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We do by these Presents create erect and constitute the said Tract of Land hereby granted and all other the Lands included within the Bounds and Limits last mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof one Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Saint Catharines* for ever here after to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families

and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province And in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; And we do more over of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness our Right trusty and right well beloved Cousin John Earle of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same: *At* Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty eighth day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the eleventh.

ADOLPHUS BENZEL'S TWO TRACTS*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 435-439]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and *Ireland* King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Adolphus Benzel, Rebecca Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the twelfth day of June which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, did humbly pray our Grant or Letters Patent for a Tract of vacant Land situate in our County of Albany near Crown Point in our said

* The first tract was near Chimney Point in Addison; the second tract was in New Haven and Weybridge.

1. Vol. 20, p. 178.

Province, *Beginning* at the Mouth of a Creek called Hospital Creek, and from thence to the head thereof, then in a direct Line to the Head of Battoe Creek, then down the last mentioned Creek to the Mouth thereof, and from thence along the Lake to the Place of Beginning containing about four or five hundred Acres: As also for so much Land adjoining to a Tract petitioned for by John Reid James Eddrington and others as with the Tract of vacant Land above described will make up the Quantity of three thousand Acres. *Which Petition* having been then and there considered of our said Council for our said Province did afterwards on the same day humbly advise and consent that our said Governor should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Adolphus Benzel, Rebecca Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel their heirs and Assigns the Quantity of three thousand Acres of the vacant Lands described in their said Petition under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Adolphus Benzell, Rebecca Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel *All* those two certain Tracts or Parcels of Land Situate lying and being in our County of Albany within our said Province on the East side of Lake Champlain; *The First* of which Tracts lying near Crown Point Begins[2] at a white Oak Tree standing on the East side of Batteau Creek formerly marked for the northwest Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Captain Valentine Gardiner[3]; and runs thence East Sixty Chains; then North one hundred and fifteen Chains and two Rods to Hospital Creek; then down the stream of the said Creek as it runs the Distance of one hundred and forty seven Chains measured on a Course South forty four degrees West; then South nine Chains and Sixty Links to Lake Champlain; then Southeasterly along the said Lake as it runs to the Mouth of Batteau Creek[4]; and then up the Stream of the said Batteau Creek to the white Oak Tree where this Tract first began, containing five hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And the Second* of the said Tracts situate on both sides of Otter Creek distant about eleven Miles East from the Fort at Crown Point, Begins at a large Hemlock Tree marked with the Letters AB and the Figures *1766* standing on the North Bank of Otter Creek and in the East Bounds of a Tract of seven thousand Acres of Land surveyed for John Reid[5] George Etherington and five other Persons, one Chain to the East of where Otter Creek

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 22, p. 179.

3. Vol. 20, p. 13.

4. Now locally called Nalor's Creek.

5. Vol. 28, p. 139. This survey shows Benzel's second tract in connection with other patents.

Adolphus Benzel came to America from Sweden in 1749; settled in Delaware; was appointed Lieutenant of the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Foot, or Royals, in 1757; left the army in 1770, having been appointed Inspector of the King's Woods on Lake Champlain and in Canada. Was a deputy surveyor under Alexander Colden.—Colonial History of New York, VIII, 140, 454.

begins to run very rapid: And this Tract runs from the *said* Hemlock Tree North fifty four Chains; then East sixty seven Chains; then South thirty three Chains; then East two hundred and eighty four Chains; then South sixty seven Chains and one Rod; then West three hundred and fifty one Chains; and then North forty six Chains and one Rod to the Place where this Tract first began containing two thousand four hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; And the said two Tracts containing together three thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways. *And* in setting out the said two Tracts of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of either of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the third day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Seven and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said two Tracts of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns forever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Adolphus Benzel Rebecca Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* those the two Tracts or Parcels of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as above mentioned together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors: *To have and to hold* one full and equal third Part (the whole into three equal Parts to be divided) of the said two Tracts or Parcels of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively to their only proper and Separate use and behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants: *To* be holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding* rendering and

Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for highways as abovementioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless that if our said Grantees their heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tracts of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tracts; Or if they our said Grantees or one of them their or one of their heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation Or if they our said Grantees or any of them their or any of their heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And we do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in an wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments

and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore* Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At Our Fort in our City of New York the thirteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy one and of our Reign the eleventh.

EBENEZER COLE TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 429-434]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* our loving Subject Ebenezer Cole by his humble Petition[1] in behalf of himself and Jacob Marsh, Samuel Waters, James Draper, Edward Fitzsimmons, Abiathar Waldow, Simeon Covell, John Trumble, Ichabod West, James Draper Junior, Ebenezer Wright, and the Children or Devisees of Elihu Marsh deceased unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the third day of November which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six did set forth That the several Lots of Land thereinafter mentioned were reserved out of certain Grants under the seal of our said Province, on which Lots the Petitioners lived and which were actually improved and setled by them under the Grant of the Government of New Hampshire. That ten of the said Lots were reserved out of the Grant or Letters Patent to Captain John Small Vizt Lots number thirty six thirty eight and thirty nine and Part of sixty one allotted by the Partition under New Hampshire to the Petitioner Ebenezer Cole, Lot number twenty seven to James Draper; Part of Lot number sixty two to Edward Fitzsimmons; Lots number forty eight and forty nine to Simeon Covel; Lot number forty five to James Draper Junior; and Lot number twenty four to Ebenezer Wright: That six other of the said Lots were reserved out of a Grant of two thousand Acres of Land to David Hepburn Viz[t] Lot number four allotted by the Partition aforesaid to Jacob Marsh; Lot number five to the said Ebenezer Cole; Lots number eight and Seventeen to Samuel Waters; Lot number nine to Abiather Waldow, and Lot Number Sixteen to the heirs or Devisees of Elihu Marsh deceased, and that two other of the said Lots were reserved out of a Grant to William Barr Esquire and which in the Partition aforesaid are distinguished by the Names of Lot number thirty and Lot number fifty five and were allotted

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* Within present Shaftsbury.

1. Vol. 22, p. 24, with map showing the reserved lots.

to John Trumble: that the Petitioners were desirous to secure their said Improvements and that the whole of the said Tracts Lots or Parcels of Land might be granted in the name of the Petitioner Ebenezer Cole in trust for the other Petitioners as to the particular Lots therein before mentioned to have been laid out to each of them respectively: And therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant the same to the said Ebenezer Cole accordingly under the Terms prescribed by our Royal Instructions: Which Petition having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain *General* and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Ebenezer Cole the said several Lots and Parcels of Land so reserved as aforesaid that is to say as to the several Lots or Parcels of Land so allotted to him as aforesaid to the use of him the said Ebenezer Cole and his heirs And as to the several Lots or Parcels of Land allotted as aforesaid to the other Petitioners abovenamed to the respective Uses of the said other Petitioners and of their Heirs respectively under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Ebenezer Cole for himself and in Trust for the Persons hereinafter named several Lots and Parcels of Land[2] part of a Tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany within our said Province of New York on the East Side of Hudsons River formerly pretended to be granted under the Seal of the Province of New Hampshire by the name of Shaftsbury and in the Partition of the said Tract of Land called Shaftsbury are distinguished and numbered as herein after mentioned and have since been included within the outlines or Limits of a Tract of Land granted under the Seal of our Province of New York to Captain John Small one other Tract of Land granted to William Barr Esquire and one other Tract of Land granted to David Hepburn but excepted out of those three Grants to the use of the Parties who had setled and improved the said Lots that is to say for the said Ebenezer Cole Lot number five containing one hundred and five Acres of Land Strict Measure and is included as abovementioned within the outlines or Limits of the abovementioned Tract of Land granted to David Hepburn; Lots number thirty six number

2. Return of survey with map, vol. 28, p. 57.

Ebenezer Cole was appointed Justice of the Peace for Albany County in March, 1774.—Calendar of N. Y. Council Minutes, p. 500. In 1778 he was ordered banished within the Enemies Lines by the Vermont Commissioners on Banishment appt. by the General Assembly; upon request he was reprieved from time to time, and the order appears never to have been carried out.—Gov. and Council, Vol. I, pp. 273-4; 298. He died in Shaftsbury in 1794—Vital Records, Office of Secretary of State.

thirty eight and Number thirty nine each Lot containing one hundred and five Acres of Land Strict Measure, and all that part of Lot number Sixty one lying West from the Easternmost Bounds of the above mentioned Tract of Land granted to John Small containing forty five Acres of Land Strict Measure which said Lots Number thirty six, number thirty eight, number thirty nine and part of Lot number Sixty one are included within the outlines or Limits of the abovementioned Tract of Land granted to the said John Small *And* for the said Ebenezer Cole in trust for Jacob Marsh Lot number four: *In trust* for Samuel Waters Lot number eight and Lot number Seventeen: *In Trust* for Abiather Waldow Lot number nine *In Trust* for the Children or Devisees of Elihu Marsh Lot number Sixteen each of the said five last mentioned Lots containing one hundred and five Acres of Land Strict Measure: and are included within the Outlines or Limits of the abovementioned Tract of Land granted to David Hepburn: *In trust* for Edward Fitzsimmons All that Part of Lot number sixty two containing fifty nine Acres of Land Strict measure lying west from the Easternmost Bounds of the abovementioned Tract of Land granted to the said John Small: *In trust* for Ebenezer Wright all that part of Lot number twenty four containing one hundred Acres of Land Strict Measure lying East from the Westernmost Bounds of the abovementioned Tract of Land granted to the said John Small: *In trust* for James Draper Lot number twenty seven: *In trust* for Ichabod West Lot number thirty seven: *In trust* for Simeon Covell Lot number forty eight and Lot number forty nine: *In trust* for James Draper Junior Lot number forty five each of the five last mentioned Lots containing one hundred and five Acres of Land Strict Measure the said Part of Lot number sixty two and the said Part of Lot number twenty four and the Lots number twenty seven number thirty seven number forty eight number forty nine and number forty five being included within the outlines or Limits of the above mentioned Tract of Land granted to John Small; and *In trust* for John Trumble Lot number thirty and number fifty five each containing one hundred and five Acres of Land Strict Measure, the said two last mentioned Lots number thirty and number fifty five being included within the outlines or Limits of the abovementioned Tract of Land granted to William Barr Esquire the said Lots number four number five number eight number nine number seventeen number Sixteen number twenty seven number thirty six number thirty seven number thirty eight number thirty nine number forty five number forty eight number forty nine number thirty number fifty five part of Lots number sixty one Number sixty two and Number twenty four containing together one thousand seven hundred and ninety four Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Lots Parts of Lots or Parcels of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tracts or either of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by

a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the twenty fifth day of February now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear, which said several Lots part and Parts of Lots Tracts and Parcels of Land set out as aforesaid for the said Ebenezer Cole as abovementioned We being willing to grant to the said Ebenezer Cole his heirs and Assigns forever to for and upon the several Uses Trusts Intents and Purposes concerning the same respectively herein after limited declared and appointed *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto him the said Ebenezer Cole his heirs and Assigns forever *All* those the several Lots Part and Parts of Lots Tracts and Parcels of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as abovementioned together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and singular the several Lots part and Parts of Lots Tracts and Parcels of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto the said Ebenezer Cole his heirs and Assigns forever. *In Trust* nevertheless as for and concerning each and every the said respective Lot and Lots part and Parts of Lots Tracts and Parcels of Land respectively set out as aforesaid for him the said Ebenezer Cole and for them the said Jacob Marsh, Samuel Waters, James Draper, Edward Fitzsimmons, Abiather Waldow, Simeon Covell, John Trumble, Ichabod West, James Draper junior, Ebenezer Wright and the Children or Devisees of Elihu Marsh deceased respectively together with their and every of their Appurtenances and Emoluments respectively (except as before excepted) to and for the separate use Benefit and Behoof respectively of him the said Ebenezer Cole and of them the said Jacob Marsh, Samuel Waters, James Draper, Edward Fitzsimmons, Abiather Waldow, Simeon Covell, John Trumble, Ichabod West, James Draper Junior, Ebenezer Wright and the Children or Devisees of Elihu Marsh deceased their heirs and Assigns respectively for ever, and to for and upon no other use or uses trusts Intents or Purposes whatsoever *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor

of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year forever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above *granted* Lands, and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services dues duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said Ebenezer Cole, Jacob Marsh, Samuel Waters, James Draper, Edward Fitzsimmons, Abiather Waldow, Simeon Covell, John Trumble, Ichabod West, James Draper Junior, Ebenezer Wright and the Children or Devisees of Elihu Marsh deceased or one of their heirs or Assigns respectively shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands hereby limited to them respectively in use as are capable of Cultivation Or if they the said Ebenezer Cole, Jacob Marsh, Samuel Waters, James Draper, Edward Fitzsimmons, Abiather Waldow, Simeon Covell, John Trumble, Ichabod West, James Draper Junior, Ebenezer Wright and the Children or Devisees of Elihu Marsh, deceased, or any of them their or any of their heirs or Assigns respectively or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their respective Privity Consent or Procurement shall on any of the said Parcels of Land respectively so herein before limited in use to them respectively as aforesaid fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in either of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and of none Effect as to such of the said Parcels of Land concerning which or wherein any Breach of these Provisoes or Conditions shall be respectively made and then and in any of these Cases such the said respective Parcels of Land and the use and uses thereof herein before respectively limited and appointed shall revert and result again to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none

Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* We do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same At Our Fort in our City of New York the thirteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one and of our Reign the eleventh.

JOHN MUNROE'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 441-444]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall came *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects John Munro, Henry Brower, John Rickey and Cornelius Brower by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and then our Commander in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the fifth day of September which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, did set forth, that the Petitioners were desirous to make a speedy settlement of several Families on a small Tract of vacant Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East side of Hudsons River to begin at the North east Corner of the Lands formerly granted to Ryer Schermerhorne and others, and to extend along Batten Kill on each side thereof, and to be bounded to the South and North by the Mountains till it comprehends four thousand Acres, with the usual Allowance for Highways. That the Lands are very rough and of little Value except for the erecting of Mills on the said Kill, which must be of great Advantage to and encourage the settlement of that Part of the Country And therefore the Petitioners humbly prayed our said Lieutenant Governor to grant to them their heirs and Assigns our Letters Patent for the said four thousand Acres of Land that is to say, to each

* In Arlington.

1. Vol. 18, p. 141.

of them the Quantity of one thousand Acres, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province our said Council did afterwards on the thirteenth day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty five, in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and then Commander in Chief as aforesaid, should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners respectively, and to their respective heirs, the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the vacant Lands by them prayed for, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions *And whereas* the said John Munroe and Henry Brower together with our loving Subjects Edward McDonald and John McDonald by their Petition[2] presented unto our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the fourth day of this Instant Month of March, did among other Things set forth, that the said Tract of four thousand Acres of Land hath been Surveyed and the Return thereof made and filed in our Secretary's Office of our said Province, and therefore humbly prayed that our Letters Patent may issue for the said Lands, and that the Names of the said Edward McDonald and John McDonald may be inserted as Grantees therein in the Room of the abovementioned John Rickey and Cornelius Brower who are both dead: On reading and due Consideration whereof It was ordered by our said Captain General and Governor in Chief with the Advice and Consent of our said Council that the Letters Patent Ordered on the said former Petition should issue in the Names of the said John Munroe, Henry Brower, Edward McDonald and John McDonald for the Lands so advised to be granted as aforesaid *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said John Munroe Henry Brower Edward McDonald and John McDonald *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany within our Province of New York on the East side of Hudson's River and on both sides of Batten Kill, Beginning[3] on the South Bank of the said Batten Kill at a Hemlock Tree marked in the Month of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty five with the Letters *I C* for the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Ryer Schermerhorne[4] and others, and runs thence along part of the Easterly Bounds of the said Tract of Land South thirty one degrees West twenty six Chains

2. Vol. 23, p. 25.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 20, p. 59.
4. Vol. 16, p. 101.

and two Rods to a Tract of Land granted to Philip Embury[5] and others; then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East ninety Seven Chains and thirty Links, South twenty four Chains and eighty Links; and South Sixty degrees East sixty eight Chains; then East one hundred and thirty Chains; then South fifty two degrees East one hundred and Seventy two Chains to the westerly Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to James Napier Esquire[6]; then along the said Westerly Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land North thirty eight degrees East twenty one Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Isaac Vrooman[7] and others called Prince Town; then along the westerly Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land North twenty one degrees and thirty Minutes West twenty eight Chains; then North fifty two degrees West one hundred and forty Chains; then North ninety five Chains; then West fifty Chains; then North Seventeen Chains; then West two hundred and forty eight Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Sundry Non Commission Officers; then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South thirty five Chains to a small Beech Tree marked with the Letters *D S I M* standing on the West side of the said Batten Kill; then crossing the said Kill East to the East side thereof, then down the said Batten Kill as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, containing four thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the fifteenth day of this Instant Month of March, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. Which said Tract or Parcel of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners, their heirs and Assigns for ever: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Munro, Henry Brower, Edward McDonald and John McDonald their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid, set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned, together with all and singular the Tene-

5. Vol. 19, p. 147.
6. See p. 36 ante.
7. Princetown, see p. 29 ante.

John Munro was appointed Justice of the Peace for Albany County, in 1771-1772.—Calendar of Council Minutes, pp. 485; 487; Doc. History of New York, vol. IV, p. 801. For an account of the capture of Remember Baker by Munro, see Governor and Council, vol. I, pp. 148-150. He was proscribed by the Act of February 26, 1779, and his property was ordered confiscated in 1778.—Mss. State Papers of Vermont—Court of Confiscation, p. 4.

ments Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal fourth Part (the whole into four equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them the said John Munro, Henry Brower, Edward M^{c}Donald and John M^{c}Donald their heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be* holden of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: Yielding rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling, for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said John Munroe, Henry Brower, Edward M^{c}Donald and John M^{c}Donald their heirs Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our Present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract; Or if they the said John Munro, Henry Brower, Edward M^{c}Donald and John M^{c}Donald or one of them, their or one of their heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, Or if they the said John Munro, Henry Brower, Edward M^{c}Donald and John M^{c}Donald or any of them their or any of their heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved

to us our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our Present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province. And that in default thereof this our Present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* We do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore* Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At Our Fort in our City of New York the nineteenth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy one and of our Reign the eleventh.

CHIMNEY POINT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 446-450]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our right trusty and right wellbeloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our

* In Addison.

1. Vol. 28, p. 10. This petition is accompanied with a beautifully executed map, probably made by Benzel, himself.

Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province on the Seventeenth day of January now last past, did among other Things in Substance set forth that there is adjacent to a Tract of Land formerly advised to be granted to the Petitioners and Rebecca Benzel between two Creeks called by the Names of Batteau[2] and Hospital Creeks a Peninsula of about two hundred Acres called Chimney Point, of no manner of use to the Fortress of Crown Point or its Fortifications nor of any use to our Government being situated on the Eastern Shore of Lake Champlain: And that about a Mile distant to the South of Crown Point there was also a Spot of Land of no Benefit to the Garrison which the Petitioners were desirous to cultivate and improve and at any future Time to surrender that or any Part thereof if required for the use of the Government And therefore humbly praying our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased to grant to the said Petitioners the said Peninsula called Chimney Point as also the Lands beginning about a Mile distant to the South of Crown Point, thence running Southwardly along the Waters of River Head Bay to the Lands of Major Campbell thence South east along the said Campbell's Land to Lake Champlain then along the said Lake Northerly till it comes within a Mile of the Fort, thence West to the Place of Beginning: Which Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their heirs the several Tracts of Land described in and prayed for by their said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and under the express Reservation of being surrendered to us our heirs and Successors at any time the same shall be found necessary or convenient for any military Establishments which it may be advisable hereafter to make at or in the neighbourhood of Crown Point. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel, *All* those two certain Tracts or Parcels of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany within our Province of New York The first of which Tracts[3] being a certain Peninsula called and known by the Name of Chimney Point is situate lying and being on the East side of

2. Now called Nalor's Creek.

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 105.

For note on Adolphus Benzel see p. 192 ante.

A notation appended to the description of the survey of this tract, on p. 185 of the Catalogue of Maps and Surveys in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York, states that this grant was "in lieu of lands granted to them [Benzel et al] by Sir Henry Moore, and claimed by the government of New Hampshire."

Lake Champlain bounded Northeastwardly by a Creek called Hospital Creek Easterly by a Tract of five hundred and fifty Acres of Land lately granted to the said Adolphus Benzel Rebecca Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel, Southerly and Southwesterly by Lake Champlain and contains two hundred and ten Acres of Land. *And the Second* of the said Tracts is situate lying and being on the West Side of Lake Champlain to the Southward of Crown Point and begins on the West side of the said Lake Champlain at the distance of one Mile measured on a Streight Line from the Fort at Crown Point and runs from the said Place of Beginning West to a Bay in Lake Champlain; then Southward along the said Bay as it winds and turns to a Tract of five thousand Acres of Land granted to Major Allan Campbell, then Southeasterly along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land to Lake Champlain and then Northerly along the said Lake as it winds and turns to the Place where this Second Tract began containing with the usual Allowance for Highways and an Allowance for publick Road of the Breadth of Six Rods (to be laid out through this and other Tracts of Land in the most convenient Manner from the Fort at Ticonderoga to the Fort at Crown Point) one thousand and twenty five Acres of Land, the said two Tracts containing together one thousand two hundred and thirty five Acres of Land and the said Allowances. And in setting out the said Tracts or Parcels of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres And have taken Care that the Length of the said Tracts or Parcels of Land or either of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions: As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the Sixteenth day of this Instant Month of March and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tracts of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns forever *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel their heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* those the two several Tracts or Parcels of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as abovementioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, And also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts

for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors, And also except out of this our present Grant the said Allowance for a publick Road from Ticonderoga to Crown Point of the Breadth of Six Rods to be laid out through the Lands hereby granted in the most convenient Manner. *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half Part (the whole into two equal Parts to be divided) of the said two Tracts or Parcels of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel their heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants: *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for *such* Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned in lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services dues duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel their heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle one Family on each of the said Tracts of Land hereby granted Or if they the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel or either of them their or either of their heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, Or if they the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel or either of them their or either of their heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our heirs and successors or hereby intended so to be without the royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any Thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided further* and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant

shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect Any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and this our present Grant is also upon these express Terms and Conditions nevertheless That they the said Adolphus Benzel and Anna Ulrica Benzel their heirs and Assigns shall and do at any Time or Times hereafter Surrender this our present Grant unto us our heirs or Successors And all their Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof with the appurtenances whenever hereafter the Lands and Premises hereby granted or any Part thereof shall be thought necessary or convenient for any military Establishment to be made by us, our heirs or Successors on the said Tracts of Land hereby granted or in the neighbourhood of Crown Point abovementioned so as to revest all and singular the Lands and Premises hereby granted in us our heirs or Successors as fully and absolutely to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as the same vested in us before the making of this our Grant And We do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore* Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same At Our Fort in our City of New York the twenty Sixth day of March in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one and of our Reign the eleventh.

SOCIALBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 453-459]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and So forth: *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* Our loving Subjects John

* Within present Pittsford and Rutland.

Harris Cruger, William Walton by the Name of William Walton Junior, Thomas Jones, Jacob Walton, Thomas Hicks, Theophylact Bache, John Jones, Isaac Low, Peter DuBois, John De Lancey, Frederick Van Cortlandt, Frederick De Peyster, Gerard Walton, Henry White, Peter Stuyvesant, Robert Cambridge Livingston, James Emott, Christopher Smith, Anthony Van Dam, John Van Dam, Teleman Cuyler, Dirick Schuyler, Thomas Lawrence, Thomas Bayeux, John Elliot, Wynant Van Zandt, John Verner, James Seagrove, William Kennedy, William Hutton, John Riker, John Thompson, Samuel Selby, John Taylor, Lewis Relay, William Cockburn, Archibald Campbell, John Woodward, John Smith, James Long, Hamilton Young, Fleming Colgan, Robert Robinson, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, Charles Ramadge, John Wilson and Moses Nicoll, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our Said Province on the twelfth day of February which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Seven, did Set forth among other Things in Substance That the Petitioners had lately discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land altogether uncultivated which they were desirous to improve Situate in the County of Albany within our Said Province, about Seventeen or eighteen Miles to the Eastward of South Bay, and extending Northerly upon Otter Creek from the North Bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Clarendon; and that the said Lands were wholly unsettled: and therefore the Petitioners humbly prayed that one thousand Acres of the said Lands might be set out to each of them, to be bounded on the South by the North Bounds of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Clarendon, and to extend Northerly as Otter Creek runneth between Square Lines as near as might be consistent with the Course of the Said Creek, the Length of the whole Tract not to exceed twice the Breadth thereof, and that our Said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased to grant unto the Petitioners our Letters Patent for the same under the usual Quit Rent and Restrictions, and that the Said Lands might be erected into a Township by the Name of Socialborough with the usual Privileges: *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same twelfth day of February in pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto each of the Petitioners and their heirs respectively the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the vacant Lands described in their Said Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: And that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of Socialborough with the usual Privileges: *And whereas* the said John Harris Cruger and

1. Vol. 22, p. 115.

his Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirteenth day of March now last past, did among other Things Set forth That the Petitioners had at Great Expense procured a Survey to be made of the said Tract of Land, the Survey or General Return whereof was to the said Petition annexed, And did therefore humbly pray that when our Letters Patent should pass the Seal, the same might comprehend and include the Tract Surveyed and laid out for the Petitioners according to the Map or Plan thereof to the said Petition annexed, And that the Names of Several of the said Associates particularly mentioned in the said Petition might be inserted in our said Letters Patent instead of the Names of the Several Persons used for them in the Petition herein first recited: On due Consideration whereof it was ordered by our said right trusty and right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore by and with the Advice and Consent of our Said Council that our Letters Patent to issue for the said Lands should comprehend and include the Tract so surveyed and laid down on the Map aforesaid, and that the Surveyor General Should make his Return accordingly, And that the Names of James Duane, John Jay, Cornelius Duane, Thomas Stewart, James Yeomans, Robert Ross Waddell, Egbert Benson, John Davan and James Sacket, should be inserted as Grantees in our said Letters Patent instead of the Names of Fleming Colgan, James Long, Teleman Cuyler, James Seagrove, William Hutton, John Smith, Robert Robinson, Moses Nicoll and John Vernor mentioned in the said first recited Petition: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our Said Royal Instructions, Our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for them the said John Harris Cruger, William Walton junior now William Walton, Thomas Jones, Jacob Walton, Thomas Hicks, Theophylact Bache, John Jones, Isaac Low, Peter Du Bois, John De Lancey, Frederick Van Cortlandt, Frederick De Peyster, Gerard Walton, Henry White, Peter Stuyvesant, Robert Cambridge Livingston, James Emott, Christopher Smith, Anthony Van Dam, John Van Dam, Dirick Schuyler, Thomas Lawrence, Thomas Bayeux, John Elliott, Wynant Vanzandt, William Kennedy, John Riker, John Thompson, Samuel Selby, John Taylor, Lewis Relay, William Cockburn, Archibald Campbell, John Woodward, Hamilton Young, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, Charles Ramadge, John Wilson, and for the said James Duane, John Jay, Cornelius Duane, Thomas Stewart, James Yeomans, Robert Ross Waddell, Egbert Benson, John Davan, and James Sacket, *All that* certain Tract or Parcel of Land Surveyed in the Year one thousand and seven hundred and Sixty Seven by William Cockburn Deputy Surveyor of Lands situate lying and being on both sides of Otter Creek in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, Beginning[3] on

2. Vol. 28, p. 99, together with survey and map.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 120.

the East side of the said Otter Creek in a Line of Trees marked in the same Year by Archibald Campbell[4] Deputy Surveyor of Lands for the North bounds of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Clarendon; and runs from the said Place of Beginning along the said Line of marked Trees South eighty Six degrees East two hundred and nine Chains; then North thirteen degrees West one thousand and fifty two Chains; then West five hundred Chains; then South thirteen degrees East one thousand and nineteen Chains; and then South eighty Six degrees East two hundred and ninety nine Chains to the Place where this Tract began containing forty eight thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in Setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twenty fifth day of March now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear Which Said Tract of Land Set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said last mentioned Persons their heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Harris Cruger, William Walton, Thomas Jones, Jacob Walton, Thomas Hicks, Theophylact Bache, John Jones, Isaac Low, Peter Du Bois, John De Lancey, Frederick Van Cortlandt, Frederick DePeyster, Gerard Walton, Henry White, Peter Stuyvesant, Robert Cambridge Livingston, James Emott, Christopher Smith, Anthony Van Dam, John Van Dam, Dirick Schuyler, Thomas Lawrence, Thomas Bayeux, John Elliott, Wynant Van Zandt, William Kennedy, John Riker, John Thompson, Samuel Selby, John Taylor, Lewis Relay, William Cockburn, Archibald Campbell, John Woodward, Hamiton Young, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, Charles Ramadge, John Wilson, James Duane, John Jay, Cornelius Duane, Thomas Stewart, James Yeomans, Robert Ross Waddel, Egbert Benson, John Davan and James Sacket their heirs and Assigns forever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned,

4. See vol. 18, p. 124.

"This grant [Socialborough] was obtained in 1771 by a group of New York City men who organized into a social club incidental to their land scheme."—Alexander, A Revolutionary Conservative, p. 73.

John Harris Cruger of New York City was Lieutenant Colonel of deLancey's First Battalion; member of the Colony Council, 1773-1776; Chamberlain of the city; served in the British Army in 1777 and from 1779 to the peace; ordered by Cornwallis to execute all in his district who had borne arms for the Crown and afterward fought with the Whigs; appears to have carried out the order; commanded at "Ninety Six" in 1781. His estate was confiscated. He died in London in 1807.—Sabine—Loyalists of the American Revolution, II, p. 343.

together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, And also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors: *To have and to hold* one full and equal forty eighth Part (the whole into forty eight equal Parts to be divided) of the Said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and Seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants: *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom house in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. And We do of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Socialborough* for ever hereafter to be called and known

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our

Auditors Office there for our said Province and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed Shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed: *Witness* Our Said Right trusty and right wellbeloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore* Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same At Our Fort in our City of New York the third Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One and of our Reign the eleventh.

MONCKTON*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 478-483]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting: *Whereas* Our loving Subjects Abraham Lott, Nicholas C Bogart, Engelbert Lott, Johannes Lott, John Abeel, James Abeel, John Neilson, Tomas Crabb, Abraham P. Lott, Peter T. Curtenius Isaac Roosevelt, Jacobus Roosevelt Junior, Dirck Brinckerhoff, Dirck Brinckerhoff Junior, Theodorus Van Wyck, John Oothout, Anthony Ten Eyck, Coenraad A. Ten Eyck, William Lupton, Jacobus VanZandt, Wynant VanZandt, William Horsfield and Phineas M^{c}Intosh, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and welbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the twentieth day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Seven, did among other Things set forth That the Petitioners had lately discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land commonly called Whiting, which they were desirous to improve situate within the County of Albany about sixteen or seventeen Miles to the Eastward of South Bay, and extending Northerly upon Otter Creek from the North Bounds of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Sudbury: *And* therefore

* Now Whiting.

1. Vol. 23, p. 26.

the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto each of them and their heirs the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the said Land to be bounded on the South by the North Bounds of the said Tract known by the Name of *Sudbury* and to extend thence Northerly on both sides of Otter Creek between Square Lines as near as the Course of the said Creek would admit of, so as to comprehend the Quantity of twenty three thousand Acres; and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Monckton: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners and their Heirs the Tract of Land described in their said Petition by the Name of Whiting and so much of the vacant Lands contiguous thereto not before located by others as would make up in the whole a Tract of the Contents of Six Miles Square under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of Monckton with the usual Privileges: *And whereas* the said Abraham Lott in behalf of himself and his Associates by his humble Petition[2] presented unto our Right trusty and right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province on the third Day of this Instant Month of April did humbly pray that the Name of Samuel Boyer might be inserted in our Letters Patent for the said Lands instead of the Name of the aforesaid William Horsfield: Whereupon it was ordered by our said last mentioned Governor by and with the advice and consent of our said Council that the Name of the said Samuel Boyer should be inserted in our said Letters Patent accordingly *In Pursuance* whereof and in obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Abraham Lott, Nicholas C. Bogart, Engelbert Lott, Johannes Lott, John Abeel, James Abeel, John Neilson, Thomas Crabb, Abraham P. Lott, Peter T Curtenius, Isaac Roosevelt, Jacobus Roosevelt Junior, Dirck Brinckerhoff, Dirck Brinckerhoff Juneor, Theodorus Van Wyck, John Oothout, Anthony Ten Eyck, Coenraad A Ten Eyck, William Lupton, Jacobus VanZandt, Wynant VanZandt, Phineas McIntosh and Samuel Boyer, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany within our Province of New York on the East side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain, bounded

2. This was a letter from Abraham Lott, addressed to the governor—see vol. 28, p. 128.

to the Northward and Southward by other located Lands; *Beginning*[3] at two small Hemlock Trees growing out of one Root marked in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Seven as a Corner by William Cockburn Deputy Surveyor of Lands, standing in the South Bounds of a Tract of two thousand Acres of Land Surveyed in the same Year by James Thompson for Samuel Dick[4], at the Distance of thirty eight Chains measured on an East Course from a Maple Tree marked by the said James Thompson with the Letter D for the Southwest Corner of the said Tract of Land Surveyed for the said Samuel Dick, and this Tract runs from the said Place of beginning South two hundred and twenty four Chains then East eight hundred and Seventy four Chains; then North two hundred and twenty four Chains; then West five hundred and forty nine Chains to a large Bass Wood Tree standing on the West Bank of Otter Creek marked in the Year aforesaid with a Blaze and three Notches on two Sides by the said James Thompson, then along the said West Bank of the said Otter Creek as it winds and turns to a Tract of twenty two thousand Acres of Lands Surveyed by Adolphus Benzell in the year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six for Gabriel H. Ludlow[5] and his Associates; then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West one hundred and fifty five Chains and three Rods; then South to and along the West Bounds of the abovementioned Tract of Land Surveyed for the said Samuel Dick two hundred and fifty Chains to the Southeast Corner thereof; and then along the South Bounds of the said Tract West one hundred and two Chains to the two small Hemlock Trees where this Tract began, containing twenty three thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And* in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions; As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of this Instant Month of April and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And *Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Abraham Lott, Nicholas C Bogart, Engelbert Lott, Johannes Lott, John Abeel, James

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 138.
4. Vol. 29, p. 44.
5. Morrisfield, see p. 240 post.

Abraham Lott, a merchant of New York, was elected Clerk of the Provincial Assembly in 1751; superintended the printing of the Assembly Journals in 1763, and was elected Treasurer of the Province in 1767.—N. Y. Colonial Mss, vol. VIII, p. 456.

Abeel, John Neilson, Thomas Crabb, Abraham P Lott, Peter T Curtenius, Isaac Rosevelt, Jacobus Rosevelt junior, Dirck Brinckerhoff, Dirck Brinckerhoff junior, Theodorus Van Wyck, John Oothout, Anthony Ten Eyck, Coenraad A Ten Eyck, William Lupton, Jacobus VanZandt, Wymant VanZandt, Phineas McIntosh and Samuel Boyer, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate *Right* Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors forever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors: *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty third Part (the whole into twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees abovementioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively: *To* their only proper and Seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *And We Do* of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Monckton* forever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families

and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, *And We* do hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining: And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province: And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* We do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* Our said right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore* Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At Our Fort in our City of New York the thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy one and of our Reign the eleventh.

SIR JOHN St CLAIR'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 490-494]

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth: *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting: *Whereas* by our Royal Order in Council, Given at Our Court at St James's the seventeenth day of February which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six, We were pleased with the Advice of our Privy Council to order that our Governor or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York for the Time being, should immediately upon the Receipt of our said Royal Order cause ten thousand Acres of Land to be Surveyed in one contiguous Tract (conformable to the Directions of our Instructions with regard to the Manner of laying out

* A mandamus grant covering an irregular narrow tract, about fifteen miles long, within the present townships of Bridport, Addison and Panton.

Grants of Land) in such Part of our said Province as our loving Subject Sir John St Clair then our Quarter Master General in America now deceased or his Attorney should choose not already granted or Surveyed to others and not possessed *or* claimed by the Indians, and that upon a Return of Such Survey our said Governor or Commander in Chief should pass a Grant for the same to the said Sir John St Clair under the Seal of our said Province, upon the Terms Conditions and Reservations contained in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor: *And whereas* Our loving Subjects Richard Maitland and Andrew Elliot Esquires by the Will of the said Sir John St Clair Baronet deceased appointed Guardian of his Son John St Clair an Infant, did by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the first day of this Instant Month of May set forth among other Things in Substance, That the late Sir John St Clair on his Petition[2] presented unto our late trusty and wellbeloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province, obtained an Order of our said late Governor Sir Henry Moore Baronet with the Advice of our said Council for our said Province bearing date the twenty seventh day of June which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, for granting to him the quantity of ten thousand Acres of Land on the East side of Lake Champlain, pursuant to our Royal Order aforesaid; And that a Tract of ten thousand Acres of Land was in virtue of a Warrant for that Purpose Surveyed in the same Year for the said Sir John St Clair, who by his Will bearing Date the twenty sixth day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven devised all his real Estate to his Son the said John St Clair, of whom he appointed the Petitioners the said Richard Maitland and Andrew Elliot the Guardians as aforesaid: And therefore the said Petitioners in discharge of their Trust did most humbly pray that our present Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto Sir John St Clair Son of the late Sir John St Clair Baronet deceased the said Tract of ten thousand Acres of Land so surveyed for the said Sir John St Clair the Father as aforesaid *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the said first day of May humbly advise and consent that our said present Governor and Commander in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Sir John St Clair the Son and his heirs, the aforesaid Tract of ten thousand Acres of Land under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid, our Commissioners

1. This petition was not located. It is indexed as being in vol. 29, p. 2.
2. Vol. 21, pp. 32, 34.

appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Sir John S^t^Clair Baronet son of the said late Sir John S^t^Clair Baronet deceased, *All that* certain Tract or Parcel of Land so surveyed in the Year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Six as aforesaid, situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of five thousand Acres of Land Surveyed at the same Time for the late Sir John S^t^Clair as a reduced Officer[4]; and runs thence North six hundred and twenty nine Chains and two Rods; then West eighty Seven Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant Alexander Campbell[5]; then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land, and the the East Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant William Haggerty[6] South two hundred and seventeen Chains; then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land, and the South Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Captain Charles Forbes[7], West two hundred and ninety Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Captain David Wooster[8]; then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South one hundred and sixty three Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Major Wilkins[9]; then along the North East and South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract East three hundred and twenty three Chains; South one hundred and Sixty three Chains; and West one hundred and twenty three Chains, to a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant Hugh Wallace[10]; then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South eighty Six Chains and two Rods to the said Tract of five thousand Acres of Land surveyed for the late Sir John S^t^Clair; and then along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East one hundred and Seventy eight Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Tract first begən, containing ten thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the second day of this Instant Month of May and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Sir John S^t^Clair the son his heirs and Assigns for ever: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 145.
4. Vol. 17, p. 93; return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 144.
5. Vol. 20, p. 29.
6. Vol. 20, p. 27.
7. Vol. 20, p. 28.
8. Vol. 20, p. 12.
9. Vol. 20, p. 26.
10. Vol. 20, p. 32.

knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed, *And Do* by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto him the said Sir John St Clair the son his heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof: *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver: And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto the said Sir John St Clair our Grantee abovementioned his Heirs and Assigns, *To* the only proper use and Behoof of him the said Sir John St Clair his heirs and Assigns for ever: *To be holden* of us our heirs and Successers in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our heirs and Successors, At Our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned; in lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof: *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said Sir John St Clair our said Grantee his heirs or Assigns shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract, Or if he the said Sir John St Clair his heirs or assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or,* if he the said Sir John St Clair his heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his, their, or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents

reserved to us our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And We *Do* hereby for us our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And* We do moreover of our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof: *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: *Witness* Our said Right trusty and right welbeloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At Our Fort in our City of New York the thirtieth day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the eleventh. *In Pursuance* of and in obedience to Our Commands Signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid, and by and with the Advice and Consent of our said Council for our said Province of New York.

JOHN REID'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 497-500]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subjects John Reid Esquire, George Etherington, Philip Livingston Junior, James Gray, Hugh Parker, George Souter and Angus Mackay, by their humble

* In present Weybridge and New Haven.

Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and then our Commander in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Twenty ninth Day of October which was in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five, did set forth, That there was a certain Tract of vacant Land vested in us, lying on Otter Creek above the first Falls adjoining to the Lands located for the Non Commission Officers and Soldiers of our Forty second Regiment. And that the Petitioners being desi[rous] Each to improve the Quantity of one thousand Acres of the vacant Lands above mentioned, they the said Petitioners did therefore humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them respectively and their respective Heirs the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of the said vacant Lands. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the ninth Day of June which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province should by our Letters Patent grant to each of the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of the Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* the said John Reid Esquire by his humble Petition[2] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the fourth Day of March now last past, did among other Things set forth, That some of his Associates above mentioned were either dead or had left our said Province since the issuing of the Warrant for Surveying the said Lands and did therefore pray leave to insert others in their Room. Whereupon it was ordered by our said Right trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore with the advice of our said Council, that our Letters Patent for the said Lands should issue in the Names of the said John Reid Esquire and Philip Livingston Junior, Archibald Clark, Evert Bancker Junior, Adam Borger, Alexander Wylly and Frederick Guion, instead of the Names of the several Persons mentioned in the said first recited Petition. *In Pursuance* whereof and in obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said John Reid, Philip Livingston Junior, Archibald Clark, Evert Bancker Junior, Adam

1. Vol. 20, p. 71.
2. Vol. 28, p. 63.

Borger, Alexander Wylly and Frederick Guion, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on both sides of Otter Creek in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the South East Corner of a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land surveyed for James Murdock[4] late Surgeons Mate to our Forty second Regiment of Foot, and runs thence along the South Bounds of the said Tract of Land West two Hundred and ten Chains; Then South three Hundred and fifty seven Chains; then East two Hundred and ten Chains; Then North one Hundred and eighty seven Chains and three Rods to a Tract of Land granted to Adolphus Benzell[5] and others; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West fourteen Chains and eighty five Links North one Hundred Chains and one Rod to the North West Corner of the said last mentioned Tract of Land; and *Then* East fourteen Chains and eighty five Links; and then North sixty nine Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, *Containing* seven Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty sixth Day of April now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said John Reid, Philip Livingston Junior, Archibald Clark, Evert Bancker Junior, Adam Borger, Alexander Wylly and Frederick Guion, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said John Reid, Philip Livingston Junior, Archibald Clark, Evert Bancker Junior, Adam Borger, Alexander Wylly and Frederick Guion, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 139.
4. Vol. 28, p. 136.
5. See p. 191 ante; second of the two tracts mentioned.

Lt. Col. John Reid, of the 42nd Highland Regiment, served under General Amherst in the French War, and continued in active service until 1770. In 1780 he was appointed Colonel of the 95th Foot and became Major General in October, 1781; raised to Major General in 1793, and a full General in the Army, January 1, 1798. He died in London in 1807.—N. Y. Colonial Mss., vol. VIII, p. 312. For an account of the burning of his house on Otter Creek and other outrages, see Documentary History of New York, vol. IV, pp. 749, 750; 843, 844.

whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel there of, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors: *To have and to hold* one full and equal seventh Part (the whole into seven equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances, (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively forever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants: *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our, or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary Commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always, and upon Condition nevertheless, that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them, shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or* if they our said Grantees, or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least, three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons, by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal License of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained; That then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest

in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof, *In Testimony* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousin *John, Earl of Dunmore* our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the seventh Day of June in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

FINCASTLE*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 502-508]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Jacob Brewerton, Hubert Van Wagenen, Samuel Wells, Thomas Valentine and their Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Thirty first Day of October now last past, did set forth among other Things, that The Petitioners had at considerable Trouble and Expence discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land vested

* In vicinity of present Sherburne and Stockbridge.

1. Vol. 27, p. 119.

in us, wholly uncultivated, situate on the West Side of Connecticut River in our Province of New York between the said River and Lake Champlain to the Westward of a Range of very high Mountains, *Beginning* at a Beech Tree blazed on four Sides with three Notches on each Side standing sixty Links on a Course South thirty one Degrees and and thirty Minutes East from two Butter Nut Trees growing on the Northerly Bank of white River near the Mouth of the fifth Branch or Crotch thereof; Thence Northerly about six Hundred and forty Chains; Thence Westerly about two Hundred and forty Chains; Thence Southerly and Easterly to the Place of Beginning: Containing about Fifteen Thousand Acres. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto them and their Associates the Tract of Land above described and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Fincastle and vested with the usual Privileges. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent Grant unto the said Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Tract of Land above described under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions with proper Clauses in our said Letters Patent erecting the said Tract of Land into a Township by the Name of Fincastle with the usual Privileges. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects John Wilson, Richard Graham and Robert Hyslop by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our said Captain General and Governor in Chief, and read in our said Council on the first Day of May now last past did among other Things set forth in Substance, That there was a certain Tract of vacant Land vested in us situate on the East Side of Lake Champlain, *Beginning*[3] at the Beech Tree aforesaid and Running thence Westerly along the Line of the above mentioned Tract about one Hundred Chains; Thence Southerly about two Hundred and eighty Chains; Thence Easterly about one Hundred and fifty Chains; Thence Northerly and Westerly to the Place of Beginning Containing three Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* that the Petitioners being desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent for the said Three Thousand Acres of Land intending to cultivate and improve the same, the Petitioners did therefore humbly Pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the

2. Vol. 28, p. 82.

3. Return of survey not located. The Field Notes of Samuel Gale, surveyor, for Fincastle as laid out in 1773, are on p. 534 of Vol. 38 of the series of Maps and Field Notes in the office of the Surveyor General, as appears on p. 298 of the Catalogue of N. Y. Maps and Surveys, published in 1859.

Jacob Brewerton of New York City was brother of and bondsman for George Brewerton—see p. 265 post.

Petitioners and their Heirs the said Tract of Land, and that the same might be made a Part of the Township so advised to be granted to the said Jacob Browerton and his Associates by the Name of Fincastle they having agreed to enlarge their Township by the Addition of this Tract. *Which* Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our said Council, our said Council did afterwards on the same first Day of May in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that the Quantity of Three Thousand Acres of the *Lands* described in the Petition of the said John Wilson, Richard Graham and Robert Hyslop together with the Lands advised to be granted to the above mentioned Jacob Brewerton and his Associates be laid out into one Tract by the Name of the Township of Fincastle and by our Letters Patent granted with the usual Privileges unto the said Jacob Brewerton and his Associates, and to the said John Wilson, Richard Graham and Robert Hyslop and their Heirs as Tenants in Common, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Jacob Brewerton, Hubert Van Wagenen, Samuel Wells, Thomas Valentine and their Associates, John Kelly, John Shatford Jones, Benjamin Jones, Thomas Petit, Samuel Boyer, William Kennedy, George Edwards Sutton, Joseph Beck, Edward Smith, William Williams, William Deming, and for the said John Wilson Richard Graham and Robert Hyslop, All that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, *Beginning* at a Beech Tree blazed and marked with three Notches on four Sides and the Letters *I R* and *T V,* standing sixty Links on a Course South thirty one Degrees and thirty Minutes East from two Butter Nutt Trees standing on the North westerly Bank of white River near the Mouth of a Brook called or known by the Name of the fifth Branch or Crotch of the said River; and runs thence from the said Place of Beginning North sixty one Degrees East forty Chains; Then North Eighteen Degres East sixty Chains; Then North fifteen Degrees and thirty Minutes West two Hundred Chains; Then North Seventy four Degrees and thirty Minutes West Twenty four Chains; Then North one Degree East one Hundred and fifty four Chains; Then North Twenty one Degrees East sixty Chains; Then North two Hundred and twenty Chains; Then West two Hundred and eleven Chains; Then South seven Hundred and twelve Chains; then South fifty seven Degrees East Eighty six Chains Then South one Hundred and sixty Chains; Then East one Hundred and Ninety Chains; Then North fourteen Degrees East forty Chains; Then North twenty Chains; Then North ten Degrees West Eighty six Chains; Then North thirty five Degrees West seventy two Chains to the Beech Tree where this Tract first Began, *Containing* Eighteen Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in Setting out* the said Tract of Eighteen Thousand Acres

of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty seventh Day of May now last past and entered on *Record* in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, Granted, ratified and confirmed, And *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Jacob Brewerton, Hubert Van Wagenen, Samuel Wells, Thomas Valentine, John Kelly, John Shatford Jones, Benjamin Jones, Thomas Petit, Samuel Boyer, William Kennedy, George Edwards Sutton, Joseph Beck, Edward Smith, William Williams, William Denning, John Wilson, Richard Graham and Robert Hyslop, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, And also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* one full and equal Eighteenth Part (the whole into eighteen equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding*, Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings

and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted And every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to continue and remain and by the Name of Fincastle for ever hereafter to be called and known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent *And* the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Eleventh Day of June in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one and of our Reign the Eleventh.

HALESBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 510-515]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth: *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. Whereas our loving Subjects William Shirreff, Richard Maitland, Gabriel Maturin, John Small, Stephen Kemble, Samuel Kemble, Richard Kemble, William Kemble, Henry Monro, John McNeal, Francis Panton, Buckridge Webb, Henry Hornefer, John Sackerly, Thomas Wallis, James Glassford, Samuel Verplanck, Thomas William Moore, Edward Goold, Medad Pomeroy, Ebenezer Harvey, Joseph Burt, and Shem Kentfield by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Ninth Day of April which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven, did set forth, That there was a certain Tract of vacant Land lying to the Eastward of Lake Champlain on Otter Creek in the County of Albany bounded to the North by a Tract of Forty eight Thousand Acres of Land lately granted by the Name of the Township of Socialborough, That the Petitioners were willing and desirous to obtain our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land in order to cultivate and improve the same. *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioners and their Heirs the Quantity of One Thousand Acres each of the said Tract of Land, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Halesborough with such Rights, Liberties and Privileges as were granted to other Towns within our said Province. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners and their Heirs a Tract of vacant Land to consist of *All* that Tract commonly known by the Name of Sudbury and so much of the adjacent vacant Lands not located by prior Petitions as would in the whole comprehend a Tract of the Contents of six Miles Square, and that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of the Township of Halesborough with the Privileges granted to *other* Townships within our said Province. *And Whereas* the said William Shirreff and his Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice

* Part of present Brandon and Sudbury.

1. Vol. 23, p. 49.
2. Vol. 28, p. 108.

Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the first Day of April now last past did humbly pray that they might have leave when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land to alter sundry of the Names of the Petitioners herein before mentioned agreeable to a certain List to the said last recited Petition annexed; *On* due Consideration whereof it was ordered by our present Captain General and Governor in Chief as aforesaid, by and with the Advice of our said Council that the Names of John Hay, Robert Dixon, Joseph Black, Benjamin Reid, Daniel Frazer, John Wilson, William Swan, Samuel Stevens, Samuel Wells and Anthony Van Dam should be inserted as Grantees in our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land instead of the Names of the above mentioned Petitioners John M[c]Neal, William Kemble, Buckridge Webb, John Sackerly, Henry Hornefer, Medad Pomeroy, Ebenezer Harvey, Joseph Burt, Shem Kentfield and James Glassford. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said William Shirreff, Richard Maitland, Gabriel Maturin, John Small, Stephen Kemble, Samuel Kemble, Richard Kemble, Henry Munro, Francis Panton, Thomas Wallis, Samuel Verplanck, Thomas William Moore, Edward Goold, and for them the said John Hay, Robert Dixon, Joseph Black, Benjamin Reid, Daniel Fraser, John Wilson, William Swan, Samuel Stevens, Samuel Wells, and Anthony VanDam, *All* that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being to the Eastward of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain, and on both Sides of Otter Creek in the County of Albany within our Province of New York; *Beginning*[3] at the North West Corner of a Tract of Land surveyed for and since granted to John Harris Cruger and others commonly called Socialborough[4], and runs thence along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East five Hundred Chains to the North East Corner of the said Tract called Socialborough; Then North three Hundred and fifty nine Chains to a Tract of Land surveyed for Abraham Lott[5] and his Associates; Then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West six Hundred and seventy three Chains; Then South three Hundred and fifty nine Chains; and then East one Hundred and Seventy three Chains to the Place where this Tract began; *Containing* Twenty three Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting* out the said Tract or parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, And have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions; as by a

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 147.
4. See p. 208 ante.
5. Monckton, see p. 213 ante.

William Shirreff was a member of the commission to mark out and settle the boundary line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island.—N. Y. Colonial History, VI, p. 168.

Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty second Day of April now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of *Land* set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said William Shirreff and his said last mentioned Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said William Shirriff, Richard Maitland, Gabriel Maturin, John Small, Stephen Kemble, Samuel Kemble, Richard Kemble, Henry Munro, Francis Panton, Thomas Wallis, Samuel Verplanck, Thomas William Moore, Edward Goold, John Hay, Robert Dixon, Joseph Black, Benjamin Reid, Daniel Frazer, John Wilson, William Swan, Samuel Stevens, Samuel Wells and Anthony Van Dam, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Land and Premises and every part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors: *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty Third Part (the whole into Twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding*, Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof Save and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above men-

tioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part *Thereof*. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of Halesborough for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings; granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof, in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province. *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made *Patent*, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twelfth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

COLONEL JAMES MONTRESOR'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 15, pp. 525-529]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* by our Royal Order in Coun-

* A mandamus grant adjoining Lake Champlain in Panton.

cil Given at our Court at Saint James's the sixth Day of September which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five We were pleased with the Advice of our Privy Council to order that our Governor or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York for the Time being should immediately on the Receipt of our said Royal Order cause Ten Thousand Acres of Land to be surveyed in one contiguous Tract (conformable to the Directions of our Instructions with Regard to the Manner of Laying out Grants of Lands) in such Part of our said Province as our loving Subject James Montresor then Lieutenant Colonel and Director of our Engineers in America or his Attorney should choose not already granted or surveyed to others and not possessed or claimed by the Indians, And that upon a Return of such Survey our said Governor or Commander in Chief do pass a Grant for the same to the said James Montresor under the Seal of our said Province upon the Terms, Conditions and Reservations contained in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor. *And Whereas* the said James Montresor hath by his Attorney John Montresor chosen[1] that the said Ten Thousand Acres of Land should be laid out for him on the East Side of and adjoining to Lake Champlain in the County of Albany. *Wherefore* in Obedience to our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said James Montresor now Colonel James Montresor *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate and being on the East Side of and adjoining to Lake Champlain in the County of Albany in our Province of New York and on both Sides of Otter Creek, *Beginning*[2] on the East Bank of the said Lake at a Cedar Tree marked in the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty six with the Letters *G D* for the Beginning of a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land surveyed for Lieutenant George Demler[3], and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said Tract East two Hundred Chains; Then along Part of the *East* Bounds of the said Tract South Twenty five Chains; then East Two Hundred and thirteen Chains; Then North two Hundred and Ninety six Chains to a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant Abraham Cuyler[4]; Then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West three Hundred and forty six Chains to the said Lake; and then Southward along the said Lake as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Ten Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract doth not extend along the Banks of

1. Vol. 21, p. 100.
2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 29, p. 10.
3. Vol. 29, p. 5.
4. Vol. 20, p. 66.

Colonel James Montresor was Chief Engineer in building the barracks and batteries at "The Narrows" in 1757-1758.—N. Y. Council Minutes, p. 440.

any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the seventeenth Day of May now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said James Montresor, his Heirs and Assigns forever. *Know Ye,* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto him the said James Montresor his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said James Montresor his Heirs and Assigns: *To* the only Proper Use and Behoof of him the said James Montresor his Heirs and Assigns forever. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there For the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said James Montresor his Heirs or Assigns shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or* if he the said James

Montresor his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if he the said James Montresor his Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his, their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province To be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin *John, Earl of Dunmore* our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Fourteenth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh. *In Pursuance* of and in Obedience to our Commands signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid.

DEERFIELD*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 2-7]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subject Samuel Wells by his humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Thirtieth Day of May now last past did set forth in Substance That the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a Tract of vacant Land vested in us, and wholly uncultivated lying on the East Side of Lake Champlain and to the West of what are called the Green Mountains in the County of Albany of the Contents of about Thirty five Thousand Acres lying on a River called Onion River which empties itself into Lake Champlain about Forty Miles to the North of Crown Point, *Beginning* on the said River about eighty Chains above the first Falls in the said River which are about Nine Miles up The same as the River runs from where the River empties itself into the said Lake and to extend Easterly, Southerly and Northerly such Distances as should contain the Quantity of Thirty five Thousand Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* therefore the Petitioner did humbly Pray that as no Part of the said Tract lay so far distant from Lake Champlain as Twenty Miles our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant the said Tract of vacant Land to the Petitioner and his Associates on such Conditions, Restrictions, Reservations and Limitations as other Lands are granted to our Subjects in our said Province. And that the said Tract of Land might be erected into a Township by the Name of Deerfield *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Samuel Wells and his Associates and their Heirs the Tract of vacant Land described in the said Petition under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, *And* that the same Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Deerfield with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for him the said Samuel Wells, and for his Associates to wit, John DeNoyelles, John Shatford Jones, Charles

* This tract lay within the present townships of South Burlington, Williston, Richmond, Jericho and Essex.

1. Vol. 28, p. 96; vol. 29, p. 51.

Morse, John Rice, Terence Kerin, William C. Hulett, John Taylor, Samuel Deall, William Kennedy, Robert Hyslop, John Moore, James Moran, Lambert Moore, Charles Williams, Robert Watts, James Cobham, John McDowal, Daniel McCormick, Samuel Kempton, Samuel Knight, Malachi Church, Robert Cocks, John Lawrence, Henry Boel, John Bowles, Marinus Willet, Joseph Beck, Isaac Heron, John Shaw, John Kennedy, Elizabeth Livingston, John Brown, Ann Hawkes Hay Esquire and Samuel Brunson, *All* that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at a soft Maple Tree marked with three Notches on four Sides and a Beech Tree marked with the Letters and Figures T $\left\{\begin{matrix} W\ C \\ 1769 \end{matrix}\right\}$ standing on the South Bank of Onion River a little above a Turn in the said River at a Point of large white Rocks about a Mile above a Fall[3] in the said River at the lower End of the low Land and two Hundred and forty four Chains East from the said Lake, and runs from the said Beech Tree South three Hundred and fifty Chains; Then South Sixty eight Degrees East six Hundred and eighty six Chains; Then North Seven Hundred and seven Chains; Then West six Hundred and thirty six Chains; and then South one Hundred Chains to the Place where this Tract *Or* Parcel of Land first began; Containing Thirty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care, that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the fourteenth Day of this instant Month of June and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Samuel Wells, John DeNoyelles, John Shatford Jones, Charles Morse, John Rice, Terence

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2. No return of survey of this tract has been located. It appears on a map in vol. 34, p. 24, New York Land papers, and on the map opposite page 774 of Vol. I, Documentary History of New York, 8 vo. edition.

3. This point of beginning is a short distance east of the present Limekiln Bridge, which is south of St. Michael's College; the location being about where the two hundred foot contour line on the United States Geological Survey map approaches the river bank.

The northeast corner of Deerfield is mentioned in the certificate of the Commissioners for the setting out of lands, for the township of Rhineland [Underhill], p. 505 post.

For note on Samuel Wells, see p. 49 ante

Kerin, William C. Hulett, John Taylor, Samuel Deall, William Kennedy, Robert Hyslop, John Moore, James Moran, Lambert Moore, Charles Williams, Robert Watts, James Cobham, John McDowal, Daniel McCormick, Samuel Kempton, Samuel Knight, Malachi Church, Robert Cocks, John Lawrence, Henry Boel, John Bowles, Marinus Willet, Joseph Beck, Isaac Heron, John Shaw, John Kennedy, Elizabeth Livingston, John Brown, Ann Hawkes Hay Esquire, and Samuel Brunson their Heirs and assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned. *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, all Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirty fifth Part (the whole into Thirty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises By these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling, for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion, create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Deerfield* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registred recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twentieth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

MORRISFIELD*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 9-14]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Gabriel H. Ludlow, Samuel Gale, Thomas Ludlow Junior, William Wickham, Richard Morris, Miles Sherbrook, John Morris and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the Twelfth Day of June which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six did set forth,

* In present Cornwall and Middlebury.

1. Vol 21, p. 29.

that there was a Tract of vacant Land lying to the Eastward of Lake Champlain and of Lands said to be located by Captain Gardiner, Doctor Clayton, Captain Shirreff, Lieutenant George McDugall, Lieutenant Colonel Gladwin, Captain Carden and other reduced Officers, Containing about Forty Thousand Acres which the Petitioners and their Associates were willing and desirous to settle and improve *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant to them and their Associates our Letters Patent for the same. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates, their Heirs and Assigns a Tract of six Miles Square of the Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. And *Whereas* the said Richard Morris by his humble Petition[2] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the first Day of May now last past did pray that the Name of Henry Ludlow Junior might be inserted in our Letters Patent for the said Lands in the Stead of the said John Morris, and that the said Lands might be erected into a Township by the Name of Morrisfield *Whereupon* it was ordered by our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, with the Advice and consent of our said Council that the Name of the said Henry Ludlow Junior should be inserted in the said Letters Patent accordingly instead of the Name of the said John Morris mentioned in the said first recited Petition: And that the said Lands should by our said Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Morrisfield with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Gabriel H. Ludlow, Samuel Gale, Thomas Ludlow Junior, William Wickham, Richard Morris, Miles Sherbrook, Henry Ludlow Junior, and for their Associates George Duncan, Thomas Duncan, William Sidney, Jonathan Landon, Augustine Graham, Lewis Graham, Lambert Moore, Charles Shaw, Adolphus Benzell, John McKesson, Martha Ludlow, Isaac Ludlum, Peter Goelet, Anthony Rutgers and Morris Graham, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Albany within our Province of New York on the East Side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain, *Beginning*[3]

2. Vol. 29, p. 8.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 28, p. 137.

at a large white Oak Tree marked with two Blazes and three Notches on two Sides for the Southeast Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Major Henry Gladwin[4], and runs thence South four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then East four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then North four Hundred and eighty Chains; and then West four Hundred and eighty Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Twenty one Thousand nine Hundred and forty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the second Day of May now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Gabriel H Ludlow, Samuel Gale, Thomas Ludlow Junior, William Wickham, Richard Morris, Miles Sherbrook, Henry Ludlow Junior, George Duncan, Thomas Duncan, William Sidney, Jonathan Landon, Augustine Graham, Lewis Graham, Lambert Moore, Charles Shaw, Adolphus Benzell, John M^cKesson, Martha Ludlow, Isaac Ludlum, Peter Goelet, Anthony Rutgers and Morris Graham, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditatments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Two and Twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these

4. Vol. 20, p. 39.

Gabriel H. Ludlow was a member of a General Committee of New York City and County in May, 1775.—Colonial History of New York, VIII, p. 600.

For note on Richard Morris see p. 364 post.

Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our, or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of Morrisfield forever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be here-

unto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin *John, Earl of Dunmore,* our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor *And* Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty First Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

NEWRY*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 16-21]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting.* Whereas our loving Subjects Charles M^cEvers, Theophylact Bache and Hamilton Young in Behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and then our Commander in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Eleventh Day of April which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the Petitioners and their Associates had discovered two Tracts of vacant Land vested in us, situate in our Province of New York, The first of which two Tracts was situate to the North and South Eastward of a certain Tract of Land known by the Name of Clarendon and another Tract of Land called Socialborough. *And* the second Tract situated to the Northeastward of a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of Monckton and near Lands lately advised to be granted to Gilbert Wilson and others and extending so as that both of the said two Tracts might include Thirty seven Thousand Acres, And therefore the Petitioners in Behalf of themselves and their Associates did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased to grant unto them and their Associates the two Tracts of Land above described on the usual Terms. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and then our Commander in Chief as aforesaid should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Lands prayed for and described in their said *Petition*[2] under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* the said Charles M^cEvers, Theophylact Bache, and Hamilton

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* A tract approximately 21 miles long and 4 miles wide which included parts of present Shrewsbury, Mendon, Chittenden, Leicester, Brandon and Goshen.

1. Vol. 27, p. 12.
2. Vol. 28, p. 123.

Young by their Petition presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Twenty ninth Day of May now last past did set forth, That they had procured an actual Survey of the Quantity of Thirty seven Thousand Acres of Land in one Tract adjoining the East Lines of the several Tracts advised to be granted by the Names of Socialborough, Halesborough, Monckton and Clarendon, and that as the same was laid out into one Tract, The Petitioners therefore in Behalf of themselves and their Associates named in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed, did humbly Pray that the Lands so surveyed for them and their Associates might be erected into a Township by the Name of Newry, with the usual Privileges. *Whereupon* it was ordered by our said Captain General and Governor in Chief, by and with the Advice and Consent of our Council for our said Province, that the Lands surveyed for the said Petitioners and their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid should be erected into a Township accordingly by the Name of Newry with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Charles M[c]Evers, Theophylact Bache and Hamilton Young, and for their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid to wit, Robert Alexander, William Park, Anthony Van Dam, Thomas Barclay, Andrew Barclay Junior, William Lucas, William Sidney, John Roome, Abel Hardenbrook, Lewis Relay, Robert Cox, Robert Hyslop, William Stepple, John Kennedy, David Mathews, Joseph Allicocke, Thomas Crab, Jacob Albright, Gerard G. Beekman Junior, Edward Goold, Richard Harris, James Seagrove, Robert M[c]Williams, David M[c]Williams, William Gervan, William Crawford, James A. Stewart, Alexander Stewart Junior, John Shaw, Jonathan Hobbs, William Cockburn, Malachi Church, Samuel Knight, and Samuel Bayard, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being Part in the County of Albany and Part in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Southeast Corner of a Tract of Land erected into a Township by the Name of Socialborough[4], and runs thence South Eighty six Degrees East two Hundred and twenty one Chains; Then South four Degrees West Three Hundred and fifteen Chains; Then South Eighty six Degrees East two Hundred and twenty Chains; Then North four Degrees East four Hundred and one Chains; Then North Eighty six Degrees West two Hundred and forty three

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 29, p. 67.
4. See p. 208 ante.

Theophylact Bache came to New York from England in 1751; became a merchant; President of the New York Chamber of Commerce, 1773-1774; a neutral during the war; died in 1807.—National Cyclopedia of American Biography, I p. 496.

Chains; Then North thirteen Degrees West nine Hundred and Eighty Chains; Then North three Hundred and fifty nine Chains; then West two Hundred *And* fifteen Chains; then South three Hundred and fifty nine Chains; Then South thirteen Degrees East one Thousand and fifty two Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, *Containing* Thirty seven Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the thirteenth Day of this Instant Month of June and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Charles M^cEvers, Theophylact Bache, Hamilton Young, Robert Alexander, William Park, Anthony VanDam, Thomas Barclay, Andrew Barclay Junior, William Lucas, William Sidney, John Roome, Abel Hardenbrook, Lewis Relay, Robert Cox, Robert Hyslop, William Stepple, John Kennedy, David Mathews, Joseph Allicocke, Thomas Crab, Jacob Albright, Gerard G. Beekman Junior, Edward Goold, Richard Harris, James Seagrove, Robert M^cWilliams, David M^cWilliams, William Gervan, William Crawford, James A Stewart, Alexander Stewart Junior, John Shaw, Jonathan Hobbs, William Cockburn, Malachi Church, Samuel Knight and Samuel Bayard, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded, and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirty seventh Part (the whole into thirty seven equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents, granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as

is herein before *Excepted*) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute All that Part of the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted which lieth and is included within our County of Albany and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Newry* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Con[s]tructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore,* our said Captain General and Governor

in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in the City of New York the Twenty fourth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

MECKLENBERGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 24-29]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subject Gerardus W. Beekman and others his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and then our Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the sixth Day of June which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the Petitioners had discovered a Tract of Land altogether uncultivated which they were desirous to improve situate lying and being on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany near a Creek now called Well's Creek[2] and about two or three Miles to the Northward of the first Falls on Otter Creek which is North of the Township of Socialborough and lying Eastwardly of and adjoining to certain Lands there granted to Non Commission Officers and Soldiers, and also to the Eastward of and adjoining to two other Tracts of Land the one petitioned for by Adolphus Benzel, and the other granted to William Williams Esquire a reduced Captain and extending Eastward from the said two last mentioned Tracts to the Foot of the high Hills or Green Mountains, and Running from thence Northerly and Westerly so far as would comprehend Thirty Thousand Acres of Land. And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them the Tract of Land above described, And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Mecklenbergh with the usual Powers and Privileges. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Lieutenant Governor and Then Commander in Chief as aforesaid should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Gerardus W Beekman and his Associates and their Heirs the Lands prayed for and described in the said Petition under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restric-

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* Covered part of present Ferrisburg, Monkton, Waltham and New Haven—did not border on the Lake.

1. Vol. 27, p. 42.
2. Little Otter Creek.

tions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the same Lands should be erected into a Township by the Name of Mecklenbergh with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province *Provided* that the said Lands had not been granted by the Government of New Hampshire. *And Whereas* the said Gerardus W. Beekman by his further Petition[3] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the first Day of May now last past did set forth, that the Petitioner and his Associates on their former Petition obtained an Order bearing Date the sixth Day of June which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy for Granting to them a Tract of Thirty Thousand Acres of Land lying to the Eastward of Lake Champlain: Provided that the said Lands had not been granted by the Government of New Hampshire; That the Grants in General made in that Part of the Country by the Government of New Hampshire having been issued without any previous actual Survey of the Lands the Petitioners had not been able to discover with Certainty what Part or whether any of the said Tract of Land had been granted by the said Government of New Hampshire, but had caused an actual Survey to be made of the said Tract, and that no Part thereof lay at a greater Distance than Twelve or fourteen Miles from the Eastern Banks of the said Lake as appeared by the Map to the said Petition annexed and therefore the said Petitioner did humbly pray that as the said Tract of Land lay wholly within the Distance of Twelve or Fourteen Miles of Lake Champlain, our Surveyor General for our said Province might be directed to make Return thereof agreeable to the said Map, and that our Letters Patent might issue accordingly in the Names of the Persons mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed. On due Consideration whereof It was Ordered by our said Captain General and Governor in Chief with the advice and consent of our Council for our said Province that our said Surveyor General should make Return of the said Tract of Land agreeable to the Map aforesaid the said Provisoe notwithstanding And that our Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the said Gerardus W. Beekman and his Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid in like Manner as if such Provisoe had not been made part of the said order the said Provisoe being thereby declared null void and of none Effect. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands To be granted within our said Province have set out for him the said Gerardus W. Beekman and for his Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid to wit William Beekman, Gerardus Duyckinck, Henry Remson Junior, Leonard Kip, Henry C. Bogert, Jaques Denys,

3. Vol. 28, p. 129, with map.

Peter Dumont, Aaron Simonson, Anthony Hoffman, Christopher Roosevelt, Evert Byvanck Junior, Darcy Fowler, Garret Abeel, Theodorus Van Wyck, Benjamin Jones, John Shatford Jones, Peter Stoutenburgh, John Byvanck, William Williams, Samuel Schuyler, Jacob Van Wagenen, Christopher Duyckinck, Nicholas Hoffman, Thomas Everitt, Aaron Gilbert, Thomas Burges, Robert Hyslop, John Wilson and William Kennedy, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany and within our Province of New York *Beginning*[4] at the Southeast Corner of a Tract of seven Hundred Acres of Land surveyed for Robert Allen[5], William Herring and William Frost late Non Commission Officers; and runs thence East fourteen Chains and Eighty five Links; Then South three Hundred and twenty four Chains; Then East three Hundred and eighty eight Chains; Then North eight Hundred Chains: Then West three Hundred and thirty one Chains and fifty five Links; Then South two Hundred and thirty six Chains; Then West one Hundred and seventy six Chains; Then South one Hundred and forty Chains; Then East one Hundred and five Chains, and then South one Hundred Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Thirty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the fourteenth Day of this Instant Month of June and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given granted ratified and confirmed, *And do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Gerardus W. Beekman, William Beekman, Gerardus Duyckinck, Henry Remsen Junior, Leonard Kip, Henry C. Bogert, Jaques Denys, Peter Dumont, Aaron Simonson, Anthony Hoffman, Christopher Roosevelt, Evert Byvanck Junior, Darcy Fowler, Garret Abeel, Theodorus Van Wyck, Benjamin Jones, John Shatford Jones, Peter Stoutenburgh, John Byvanck, William Williams, Samuel Schuyler, Jacob Van Wagenen, Christopher Duyckinck, Nicholas Hoffman, Thomas Everitt, Aaron Gilbert, Thomas Burges, Robert Hyslop, John Wilson, and William Kennedy, their Heirs and

4. Return of survey with map, vol. 29, p. 41.
5. Vol. 29, p. 21, with map.

Two former petitions for this tract, dated April 14, 1767 and March 2, 1768 are to be found in vol. 23, p. 114 and vol. 24, p. 86 respectively.

Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining. *And also* all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors forever, All Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Mecklenbergh* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within

six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being Registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty sixth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one and of our Reign the Eleventh.

RICHMOND*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 31-37]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom These Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subjects John Davan and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province on the Seventh Day of this Instant Month of June did set forth in Substance that the Petitioners had discovered a Tract of vacant Land situate, lying and being in the County of Albany to the Westward of what are known by the Name of the Green Mountains and extending from ten to about Sixteen Miles Eastward of the Falls in Wood Creek. *Beginning* in the South Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Ensign John Clarke at the Northeast Corner of the Township of S[t]Catharines, and Running from thence East to the Township

* Covered part of present Poultney, Wells and Middletown Springs—a narrow tract, about 10 miles long and from 2 to 8 miles wide.

1. Vol. 29, p. 7.

of Socialborough and from the said Line or South Bounds of Ensign John Clarke to extend along the Township of S^t^Catharines on the West and the other Patented Lands on the East so far Southerly and Easterly as to include the Quantity of Twenty four Thousand Acres, *And* that the Petitioners were desirous to cultivate and improve the same. And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant to them and their Heirs the Quantity of Twenty four Thousand Acres of the vacant Lands above described, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Richmond: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioners John Davan and his Associates and their Heirs the Quantity of Twenty four Thousand Acres of the Tract of vacant Land in their said Petition Prayed for mentioned and described, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, with Proper Clauses in our said Letters Patent Erecting all that Part of the said Tract of Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land which is not included or comprehended within the Limits and Bounds of the Township of S^t^ Catharines into a Township by the Name of Richmond with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships in our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said John Davan, and for his Associates Thomas Barnet, Robert Harpur, William Crossley, James Leadbetter, Samuel Roberts, John Farmer, John M^c^Nabb, Thomas Austin, John Lewis, John M^c^Kenny, John Blacklock, Jacob Keen, James Yeoman, Joseph Charters, Peter Sym, Charles Morse, John Stewart, Gerardus Bancker, William Whitnell, Mathew Cushing, John Cozine Junior, John Ryan and Jacob Wilkins, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany to the Eastward of Wood Creek within our *Province* of New York *Beginning*[2] on the East Bank of a Lake commonly called and known by the Name of S^t^Catharines at the South West Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Adam Gilchrist[3] and others; and runs from thence along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East Eighty one Chains; North one Hundred and forty two Chains; East one Hundred and Seventeen Chains; North three Hundred and fifteen Chains; West one Hundred Chains; North one Hundred and fifty four Chains, to the Northeast Corner of the said last mentioned Tract of Land in the South Bounds of a Tract of Land lately granted to Ensign John Clark[4]; Thence along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East Seventy eight

2. Vol. 29, p. 92; vol. 32, p. 13, with map.
3. Township of Saint Catharines, see p. 187 ante.
4. Vol. 28, p. 84, with map.

Chains to the Southeast Corner of the said last mentioned Tract of Land; and then North twelve Chains to the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land surveyed for the Reverend John Ogilvie[5]; Then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land and the South Bounds of a Tract at the same Time surveyed for Major Ralph Burton[6] East four Hundred and forty two Chains to the Western Bounds of a Tract of Land Called Socialborough[7] lately granted to John Harris Cruger and others; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South Thirteen Degrees East two Hundred and Thirty five Chains to the Bounds of a Tract of Land called Kelso[8] lately granted to William Cockburn and others; Then along the Bounds thereof North Eighty six Degrees West two Hundred and fifty five Chains, South ten Degrees West four Hundred and fifteen Chains and South Eighty Degrees East two Hundred and ten Chains, Then South one Hundred and ten Chains; Then West five Hundred and five Chains to the said Lake S[t] Catharines; Then Northerly up the said Lake as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. Including the swampy and drowned Lands opposite to the Place of Beginning. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty sixth Day of this Instant Month of June and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Davan, Thomas Barnet, Robert Harpur; William Crossley, James Leadbetter, Samuel Roberts, John Tanner, John M[c]Nabb, Thomas Austin, John Lewis, John M[c]Kenny, John Blacklock, Jacob Keen, James Yeoman, Joseph Charters, Peter Sym, Charles Morse, John Stewart, Gerardus Bancker, William Whitnell, Mathew Cushing, John Cozine Junior, John Ryan and Jacob Wilkins, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above

5. Vol. 31, p. 130, with map.
6. Vol. 23 p. 87; vol. 31, p. 84.
7. See p. 208 ante.
8. See p. 156 ante.

John Davan was a lieutenant of the Royal Artillery.—Colonial History, VIII, p. 603.
Gerardus Bancker was barrackmaster and surveyor of the Massachusetts boundary line.—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 487, 489, 498.

mentioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And also* all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fourth Part (the whole into twenty four equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof Saving and except for such Part of the said Land allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. And we do of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute *All* that Part of the said Tract of Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land which is not included or comprehended within the Limits and Bounds of the said Township of S^{t}Catharines, and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain and by the Name of *Richmond* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within

six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do more over of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, *Hereditaments* and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty eighth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

SIMON METCALFE'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 38-43]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Simon Metcalfe and George Metcalfe by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Twenty seventh Day of January which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty eight did set forth that there was a Tract of vacant Land on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany and Province of New York between the East Bay and Missickoui Bay and the River Missickoui, bounded westerly by an Island of the same Name and did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto each of the Petitioners the Quantity of One Thousand Acres of the said Tract of Land under the usual Rents, Restrictions, Limitations and Provisoes. *Which Petition* having been then referred

* Covered part of present Highgate.

1. Vol. 23, p. 147; vol. 26, p. 73.

to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent Grant unto the Petitioners and their Heirs the Quantity of Two Thousand Acres of the Lands described and prayed for in their said Petition under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe by their Petition[2] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the seventh Day of June now last past did set forth among other Things, that the said George Metcalfe is the Son of the said Simon Metcalfe, and an Infant under the Age of Twenty one Years, and did therefore humbly pray that our Letters Patent for the said Two Thousand Acres of vacant Land and which had been surveyed for the said Simon and George Metcalfe might issue to the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe, *On* due Consideration whereof It was ordered by our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore by and with the Advice and Consent of our Council for our said Province that our Letters Patent for the said Two Thousand Acres of Land should issue in the Name of the said Simon Metcalfe, and in the Name of the said Catherine Metcalfe instead of the Name of her Son the said George Metcalfe now an Infant of the Age of about eight Years. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany and within our Province of New York between East Bay and Missickoui Bay, *Beginning*[3] at a Lime Tree marked with the letter *L* standing on the East Bank of the Brook commonly called Missisque River to the West of a small Pond of Water and opposite to a small Island in the said Brook called Missisque, lying about three Miles to the South or Southwest of where the said Brook empties itself into Lake Champlain; and runs from the said Lime Tree West seventeen Chains; Then South ten Degrees West Twenty one Chains; Then South Eleven Degrees East Eighty Chains to a Maple Tree marked with the Letter and Figures *I 1768 an Oak Tree standing near the said Maple Tree blazed and notched on four Sides; Then South Twenty one Degrees East fifty two Chains; Then South Twenty two Degrees West Nineteen Chains and fifty

2. Vol 29, p. 52.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 29, p. 17.

Links; Then South sixty seven Degrees West Forty eight Chains to an Alder Tree blazed on four Sides standing on a Neck of Land between a large Pond of Water and the said Lake, Then along the said Lake South Twenty eight Degrees East Sixteen Chains; Then South Twenty nine Degrees West thirty four Chains to a white Pine Tree marked with the Letter *F;* Thence East one Hundred and Twenty one Chains to a Tract of Two Hundred Acres of Land laid out for Alexander M^cKenzie[4] and three other private Soldiers; Then along the West Bounds of that Tract And a Tract of Four Hundred Acres of Land surveyed for Corporals Norman and Tailor[5], North Ninety five Chains; Then along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East forty two Chains; Then North thirty six Chains to Lake Champlain; Then along the said Lake North sixty five Degrees and Thirty Minutes West Seventy four Chains; Then North Twenty eight Degrees West Seventy five Chains; Then West Twelve Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Two Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty fourth Day of June now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve

4. Vol. 29, p. 16, map.
5. Vol. 29, p. 15, map.

Simon Metcalfe was a deputy surveyor under Alexander Colden, Surveyor General of New York. He assisted in running the New York-Quebec boundary line in 1771.—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 488.

Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full Moiety or equal half Part (the whole into two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances, (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe their Heirs and Assigns, respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle two Families on the said Tract of Land hereby granted; *Or* if they the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe or one of them their or one of their Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if they the said Simon Metcalfe and Catherine Metcalfe or either of them their or either of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal License of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of patents there remaining, And that

a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing befor in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding Any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the first Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, And of our Reign the Eleventh.

KILBY*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 45-50]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subject William M^cAdam by his humble Petition[1], in Behalf of himself and his Associates, presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Thirty first Day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy, did set forth among other Things in Substance, that the Petitioner and his Associates had at considerable Expence made discovery of a certain Tract of Land situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River, *Beginning* at three Butter Nut Trees growing out of one Stump, standing Twenty one Links from four Bass or Lime Trees growing out of one Root both which are marked *WCIM, 1770,* and which Trees also stand near the Mouth of a large Brook or Creek coming from the South which empties into a small River Running through the Lands lately granted to John Morin Scott[2] and others,

* Covered parts of present Middlesex, Montpelier, Moretown and Berlin.

1. Vol. 27, pp. 104, 118.
2. Kingsborough. See p. 144 ante.

and lying about forty one Miles and an half from the Mouth of the said River as it runs; and lying to the Westward of the last mentioned Tract and extending from the Place of Beginning Northerly Westerly and Southerly so as to comprehend the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Acres: *And* therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our said Governor would be favourably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto him and his Associates, and their Heirs, the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Acres of the said Tract of Land, upon the Terms prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Kilby with the usual Privileges: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our Council for our said Province did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent, that our said Governor should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs and Assigns the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Acres of the Tract of Land in the said Petition mentioned and described, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and *Restrictions* prescribed by our Royal Instructions: And that the said Lands should be erected into a Township by the Name of *Kilby,* with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said province have set out for the said William M^cAdam, and for his Associates, to wit, Andrew Elliot, Edward Foy, Andrew Gordon, John Kelly, Daniel M^cCormick, John M^cDowal, James Cobham, John Copp, Lambert Moore, Alexander M^cLure, John Moore, James Moran, John Crooke, Hamilton Young, James Coggeshal, Robert Ross Waddel, William Manoe, Alexander Stewart Junior, John Willson, Hugh Duncan, John Tanner, John Lydell, Benjamin Jones, James Leadbetter, John Keen, George Trail, John Lewis, Francis Panton and John Lawrence, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land Part whereof is situate, lying and being in the County of Albany, and the other Part thereof within the County of Gloucester in our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] on the North Bank of the Main Stream of a Brook called and known by the Name of Onion River, where a Line of Trees lately marked by Caleb Willard crosses the said River at the lower End of a large Intervale at the South End of a Mountain on the North Side of the said River, which Mountain is opposite to a Fall in the said River called by the Name of the Great or Indian Fall[4]; and runs from the said Place

3. Return of survey not located.

4. For map showing location of Indian Falls see Surveyor General's Papers (Vermont) Volume II, Part II, p. 108B. Within the limits of present Middlesex village.

William McAdam was an accountant employed to audit the accounts of the New York-New Jersey Boundary Managers.—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 481; A merchant of New York City.—Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography.

Lambert Moore was Comptroller of Customs, 1765-1774.—Colonial History of New York, VIII, p. 457.

of Beginning North forty Degrees East two Hundred and sixty Chains; Then South fifty Degrees East six Hundred and seventy Nine Chains; Then South forty Degrees West four Hundred and sixty four Chains; Then North fifty Degrees West six Hundred and Seventy nine Chains; and then North Forty Degrees East two Hundred and four Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Thirty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract or Parcel of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty sixth Day of June now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province, may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we *have* given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said William M^cAdam, Andrew Elliot, Edward Foy, Andrew Gordon, John Kelly, Daniel M^cCormick, John M^cDowal, James Cobham, *John* Copp, Lambert Moore, Alexander M^cLure, John Moore, James Moran, John Crooke, Hamilton Young, James Coggeshall, Robert Ross Waddel, William Manoe, Alexander Stewart Junior, John Willson, Hugh Duncan, John Tanner, John Sydell, Benjamin Jones, James Leadbetter, John Keen, George Trail, John Lewis, Francis Panton and John Lawrence, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively: *To* their only proper

and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent, within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways, as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion Create, erect and constitute All that Part of the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted which lieth and is included within our County of Albany a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Kilby* for ever hereafter to be called and Known:

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province, and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin *John Earl of Dunmore* our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our

Fort in our City of New York the Third Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, And of our Reign the Eleventh.

LEINSTER*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 51-56]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subject George Brewerton Junior by his humble Petition[1], in Behalf of himself and his *Associates* presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the seventh Day of June now last past did set forth among other Things in Substance, that the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a certain Tract of vacant Land vested in us, and wholly uncultivated situate lying and being in the County of Albany to the Southeastward of Lands granted to Surgeons William Bar, Mallet, Munro, Napier and others as reduced Officers, and to the Westward of a very high Range of Mountains between Hudson's River and Connecticut River, Containing about Thirty five Thousand Acres of Land. *And* therefore the Petitioner did most humbly Pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates the Tract of Land above mentioned, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Leinster: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent, that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs the Tract of Land in the said Petition prayed for, mentioned and described, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the same Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Leinster with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said George Brewerton Junior and his Associates, to wit, Adrian Rutgers, Sampson Simson, Richard Harris, Thomas Austin, Solomon Simson, Adam Engler, George Birks, James Armstrong, Daniel McFee, James Flyn, James Van Varck, Marinus Willett, Thomas Stewart, John

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* Covered parts of present Woodford, Glastenbury and Somerset.

1. Vol 28, p. 126.

Blacklock, Joseph Beck, Jacob Allbright, Gilbert Burger, John Stewart, Isaac Willett, Peter Barbarie, Joseph Charters, William Crossley, Robert Dixon, John Anthony, John McNabb, John Wetherhead, Samuel Roberts, Walter Thomas, Thomas Barnet, William Williams, Peter Sym, John Ryan, Jacob Brewerton and Joshua Mullock, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land Part thereof situate lying and being in the County of Albany and Part thereof in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land lately granted to John Reade and others known by the Name of the Township of Readesborough[3]; and runs thence along the West Bounds of the said Township South Ten Degrees West four Hundred and sixty one Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West two Hundred and seven Chains; Then North Ten Degrees East Nine Hundred and forty one Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East five Hundred and sixty seven Chains; Then South Ten Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West three Hundred and sixty Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Thirty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract or Parcel of Land doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the first Day of this Instant Month of July and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned; *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said George Brewerton Junior, Adrian Rutgers, Sampson Simson, Richard Harris, Thomas Austin, Solomon Simson, Adam Engler, George Birks, James Armstrong, Daniel McFee, James Flyn, James VanVarck, Marinus Willett, Thomas Stewart, John Blacklock, Joseph Beck, Jacob Allbright, Gilbert Burger, John Stewart, Isaac Willett, Peter Barbarie, Joseph Charters, William Crossley, Robert Dixon, John Anthony, John

2. Return of survey not located. A map of the township of Leinsler, Vermont is indexed in *Catalogue of Maps and Surveys of New York* (1859) as then being No. 50 of a collection of maps in the "south east room of the third story of State Hall".

3. See p. 125 ante.

George Brewerton, Jr., of New York, commanded a regiment from New York in the French war; in 1776 he was charged with treason against the American cause; surrendered himself to General Greene; held to good behaviour for £500 with his brother Jacob as surety. Subsequently commanded the 2nd Battalion of deLancey's Brigade (British). Died in 1779.—Sabine-Loyailsts of the American Revoution, II, p. 254.

McNabb, John Wetherhead, Samuel Roberts, Walter Thomas, Thomas Barnet, William Williams, Peter Sym, John Ryan, Jacob Brewerton, and Joshua Mullock their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, *And* also all our Estate, Right Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever all Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirty fifth Part (the whole into thirty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto Each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in Free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create erect and constitute All that Part of the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted which lieth and is included within our County of Albany a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Leinster* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless; And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the fourth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

SKENESBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 59-63]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* by our Royal Order in Council given at our Court at Saint James's the Twenty third Day of May which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four we were pleased by the Advice of our Privy Council to Order that our Governor Commander in Chief of our Province of New York for the Time being should immediately on the Receipt of our said Royal Order cause Twenty Thousand Acres of Land to be surveyed in one contiguous Tract (conformable to the Directions of our Instructions with Regard to the Manner of Laying out Grants of Lands) in such Part of our said Province as our loving Subject Major Philip Skene or his Agents should choose not already granted to or surveyed for others, and which was not the Property of, or claimed by the Indians; *And* that upon a Return of such Survey our said Governor

* A mandamus grant, in Fairhaven and vicinity.

or Commander in Chief do pass a Grant for the same to the said Major Philip Skene under the Seal of our said Province, Subject to the Payment of the Quit Rent prescribed in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor and to such other Terms and Conditions of Cultivation and Settlement as are usually inserted in our Grants of Land made in our said Province. *And Whereas* the said Philip Skene hath chosen that the said Twenty Thousand Acres of Land should be laid out for him in the County of Albany on the East Side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain, And by his Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province on the fourteenth Day of June now last past, Prayed that the said Twenty Thousand Acres of Land might be laid out for him in two Tracts the present State of the Grants in that Part of our said Province not admitting of Laying out that Quantity of vacant Land there in one Tract. *Whereupon* It was ordered by our said Captain General and Governor in Chief with the advice of our Council for our said Province, that the said Twenty Thousand Acres of Land should be surveyed and laid into two Tracts accordingly. *Therefore* and in Obedience to our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for him the said Philip Skene *All* those two certain Tracts or Parcels of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Albany within our Province of New York on the East Side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain: The First of which Tracts *begins*[2] at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Three Thousand Acres of Land granted to John Mowat[3], and runs thence East two Hundred and Ninety seven Chains to a Tract of two Thousand Acres of Land granted to Trevor Newland[4]; Then along the Bounds Of the last mention Tract of Land South one Hundred and thirty eight Chains and East eighty two Chains to a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land granted to Townshend Guy[5]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South Ninety nine Chains to a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land granted to Stair Campbell[6]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West two Hundred and twelve Chains to a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land granted to William M[c]Intosh[7]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land North one Hundred and three Chains, West one Hun-

1. Vol. 29, p. 82; also vol. 18, p. 103.
2. Return of survey, Vol. 29, p. 94.
3. Vol. 27, p. 37, with map.
4. Vol. 27, p. 47, with map.
5. Vol. 19, p. 34, with map.
6. Vol. 27, p. 37, map.
7. Vol. 18, p. 174.

dred and four Chains, and South two Hundred and two Chains to a Tract of Land granted to the said Philip Skene[8]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West two Hundred and Twenty Chains to Wood Creek; Then down the Stream thereof as it winds and turns seventy Chains measured on a straight Line; Then East Forty Chains; Then North thirty Chains; Then East thirty four Chains; Then North one Hundred and two Chains; Then East Ninety eight Chains, and then North one Hundred and thirty eight Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Nine Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *The second* Tract begins at the North East Corner of a Tract of Land granted to William Farquhar[9] and others, and runs thence East One Hundred and sixty seven Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Abraham Lott[10] and others; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South Seventy seven Chains and East sixty seven Chains to a Tract of Land granted to William Shirreff[11] and others; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South two Hundred and sixty four Chains; Then West Eighty six Chains; Then South one Hundred and forty Chains; Then West three Hundred and sixteen Chains; Then North one Hundred and forty Chains to the said Tract of Land granted to William Farquhar and others; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East one Hundred and sixty eight Chains, and North three Hundred and fifty one Chains to the Place where this second Tract began, *Containing* Eleven Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, and an Allowance for a Pond of Water that lies within the Bounds of this second Tract: The said two Tracts Containing together Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, and the Allowance for the said Pond of Water. *And in setting out* the said two Tracts of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable

8. Vol. 27, p. 37, map.
9. Benson, see p. 174 ante.
10. Whiting, see p. 213 ante.
11. Halesborough, see p. 230 ante.

Colonel Philip Skene was born in Scotland; came to America in 1756 after having served in the British Army in Europe since 1739. He served under Lord Loudon in 1756, Lord Howe in 1758 and was appointed Major of Brigade by Lord Amherst in 1759 and served on Lakes George and Champlain, was left in charge at Crown Point. Encouraged by General Amherst, he projected a settlement at Wood Creek and South Bay, and settled thirty families there. In 1762 he was ordered to Martinique and Havana; returned to Wood Creek in 1763; went to England and obtained a Royal Order for a large tract of land (N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 14, p. 52). Left the Army in 1769 and proceeded to develope his Skenesboro interests. (Appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Charlotte County in April, 1772.—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 490.) In May, 1775, he, with his family, were seized by Connecticut troops and carried prisoners to Hartford, Conn.; he was exchanged in October 1776, taken to New York, and sailed to England in 1777. That year he joined General Burgoyne and was with Lieut. Colonel Baum at Bennington. He was taken prisoner with Burgoyne's Army, attainted and his property confiscated by the legislature of New York. He died in England in 1810.—N. Y. Colonial Mss., VIII, pp. 415-416.

Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of either of the said Tracts doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty eighth Day of June now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said two Tracts of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner, his Heirs and Assigns for ever. *Know Ye* that of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto him the said Philip Skene his Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* those the two several Tracts or Parcels of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And also* all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereon. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said two several Tracts or Parcels of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto the said Philip Skene, his Heirs and Assigns, *To* the only proper Use and Behoof of him the said Philip Skene his Heirs and Assigns forever; *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lessor Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion constitute and ordain the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and distinguished by the Name of the first Tract Containing Nine Thousand

Acres and which doth adjoin and is contiguous to the Township of Skenesborough for ever hereafter to be part and Parcel And we do hereby declare the same Tract of Nine Thousand Acres of Land and every Part and Parcel thereof hence forth to be Part and Parcel of and included within the said Township of Skenesborough, and we do hereby give, grant and ordain that the Inhabitants thereof shall have and enjoy such Privileges, Immunities and Advantages As are given and granted to or legally enjoyed by all any or either of the Inhabitants of the Township of Skenesborough aforesaid. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said Philip Skene his Heirs or Assigns, shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tracts of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tracts; *Or* if he the said Philip Skene his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if he the said Philip Skene his Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

Witness our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and *Vice* Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the sixth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh. *In Pursuance* of and in Obedience to our Commands signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid and by and with the advice and consent of our said Council for our said Province of New York.

PRATTSBURGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 66-73]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Jeston Homfray, Miles Sherbrook and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Seventh Day of June now last past, did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the Petitioners had at considerable Expence sent a Person to view the several Tracts of Land for which they formerly petitioned lying in the County of Albany on the East Side of Lake Champlain, One of the said Tracts Beginning at a Beech Tree marked *A L* standing on the Northeast of a Brook commonly called Missisque River Twenty Chains on a Course South seven Degrees West from the first Fall in the said Brook which is also the Southernmost Corner of a Tract of One Hundred Acres of Land surveyed for two private Soldiers, and runs thence North Thirty one Degrees and thirty Minutes West Thirty seven Chains; Thence South Eighty nine Degrees West one Hundred and eighteen Chains to a white Pine Tree marked *F* standing on the East Bank of Lake Champlain; Then Southerly along the said Lake four Miles on a streight Line; Thence West nine Miles, Thence North six Miles; Thence East to the Lake, and Southerly along the Lake to the Land laid out for Simon and George Metcalfe and along that Tract and the Lands laid out for sundry private Soldiers to *The* Place of Beginning, Containing Twenty seven Thousand Acres. And another of the said Tracts of Land lying in the said Lake, and being Part of what is commonly called Missisque Island Beginning at a Rocky Point bearing North sixty five Degrees West about one Hundred and eighty five Chains from the aforesaid white Pine Tree marked *F*, which is

* Covered parts of present Highgate and Swanton.

1. Vol. 28, p. 121.

the Southernmost Point of the said Island, and extends thence northerly along the Lake about five Miles to a narrow Point of Low Land, the said Tract being bounded Westerly by a Deep Morass or Gut of Water running through Part of the said Island northerly, Southerly and westerly by the said Lake, Containing about three Thousand Acres of Land, *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly Pray that the aforesaid two Tracts of Land might be granted to them and their Associates on the Terms prescribed in our Royal Instructions, *And* that the same two Tracts, together with the Lands laid out for Simon and George Metcalfe, the Lands laid out for Corporals John Norman and Daniel Taylor, and for Alexander McKenzie, John Robertson, John Fotheringham and John Kerns private Soldiers, and the Lands petitioned for by William Crawford and four other Non Commission Officers and five private Soldiers, on the Necks of Land adjoining Missisque Brook or River opposite to the said Lands might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges by the Name of Prattsburgh: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioners the said Jeston Homfray, Miles Sherbrook and their Associates and their Heirs the said two Tracts of Land in the said Petition prayed for mentioned and described, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And* that the said two Tracts of Land together with the other Lands described in the said Petition might according to the Prayer thereof be erected into a Township by the Name of Prattsburgh with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Jeston Homfray, Miles Sherbrook and for their Associates to wit, Mary Ann Homfray, Elizabeth Homfray, Thomas Bridgen Attwood, Thomas Moore, Alexander Stewart, Simon Metcalfe, William Sidney, Stephen Thompson, John Cobham, Robert Hoakly, Anna Elizabeth Crossin, Mathias Heyer, William Loughead, Samuel Neilson, Robert Hull, Catherine Metcalfe, Thomas Stilwell, Hezekiah Hall, Joseph Waller, John Cook, John Crooks, Andrew Corns, Samuel Stevens, John Kennedy, Mathew Cushing, Alexander Leslie, Jacob Wilkins and John Osborn, *All those* two certain Tracts or Parcels of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany and within our Province of New York on the East Side of Lake Champlain. *The first* of which said *Tracts* begins[2] at a Beech Tree marked with the Letters and Figures $\frac{AL}{1768}$ standing on the Northeast Side of a Brook commonly called Missisque River Twenty Chains on a Course South seven Degrees

2. Return of survey, vol. 29, p. 47, with map.

West from the first Fall in the said Brook above where it vents itself into Lake Champlain, the said Beech Tree being also the Southern most Corner and Place of Beginning of a Tract of two Hundred Acres of Land granted to Alexander M^cKenzie[3] and three other private Soldiers; and this Tract runs thence along the said Tract of Land granted to the said Alexander M^cKenzie and three other private Soldiers North thirty Degrees West thirty seven Chains to a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land surveyed for Simon Metcalfe and George Metcalfe, and runs thence along the last mentioned Tract West one Hundred and twenty one Chains to a white Pine Tree marked with the Letter *F* standing on the East Bank of Lake Champlain, Then Southerly along the said Lake as it winds and turns four Miles on a straight Line; Then East seven Hundred and sixty seven Chains; Then North four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then West four Hundred and thirty eight Chains to Lake Champlain; Then Southerly along the said Lake as it winds and turns to the said Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land surveyed for the aforesaid Simon Metcalfe and George Metcalfe[4]; Then along that Tract and a Tract of four Hundred Acres of Land granted to Corporals Norman and Tailor[5] South Sixty six Chains; Then East Twenty Chains; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land and the Bounds of the aforesaid Tract of Two Hundred Acres of Land granted to Alexander M^cKenzie and three other private Soldiers South Seventy four Chains; Then South sixty Degrees West forty nine Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing Twenty seven Thousand Acres of Land the usual Allowance for Highways. *And the second* of the said Tracts being part of what is commonly called Missisque Island begins at the Southernmost Point of the said Island which is a high Rock bearing North sixty five Degrees West from the aforementioned White Pine Tree marked with the Letter *F* for the Southwest Corner of the said Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land surveyed for the said Simon Metcalfe and George Metcalfe; and runs from the said Point Easterly along the said Lake as it winds and turns to a Tract of four Hundred and Ninety four Acres of Land laid out for William Crawford[6] and four other Non Commission Officers; Then along that Tract North Thirty six Degrees and thirty Minutes East one Hundred and twenty seven Chains to the said Tract of two Thousand Acres of Land surveyed for the said Simon Metcalfe and George Metcalfe; Then along the said Tract North ten Degrees East Twenty one Chains to a Tract of four Hundred and fifty

3. Vol. 29, p. 16, with map.
4. See p. 256, ante.
5. Vol. 29, p. 15, with map.
6. Vol. 29, p. 46, with map.

Miles Sherbrook was a merchant of New York City, and one of the original members of the Chamber of Commerce of that city; a member of the Committee of Fifty to correspond with sister colonies; he removed to Long Island in 1776; was arrested and sent to Fishkill; paroled to live at Middletown, Ct.; again imprisoned in 1778, and died in Westchester County in 1805.—Sabine, Loyalists of the American Revolution, II, p. 296.

six Acres of Land surveyed for the aforesaid William Crawford and others; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract West to the Southwest Corner thereof; Then North Thirteen Degrees West Thirty four Chains; Then North nine Degrees East Sixty six *Chains;* Thence on a direct Line to the Northernmost Point of the said Island; Thence along the West Coast or Shore thereof by Lake Champlain as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract first began, being bounded on the East by the several Tracts and Lines before described, and on the North on the West, and on the South, by the Waters of Lake Champlain, Containing Three Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; The said two Tracts containing together Thirty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said two Tracts or Parcels of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tracts and Parcels of Land or either of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the first Day of this Instant Month of July and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. Which said two several Tracts of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, *And* do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Jeston Homfray, Miles Sherbrook, Mary Ann Homfray, Elizabeth Homfray, Thomas Bridgen Attwood, Thomas Moore, Alexander Stewart, Simon Metcalfe, William Sidney, Stephen Thompson, John Cobham, Robert Hoakly, Anna Elizabeth Crossin, Mathias Heyer, William Loughead, Samuel Neilson, Robert Hull, Catherine Metcalfe, Thomas Stilwell, Hezekiah Hall, Joseph Waller, John Cook, John Crooks, Andrew Corns, Samuel Stevens, John Kennedy, Mathew Cushing, Alexander Leslie, Jacob Wilkins and John Osborne their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* those the two several Tracts or Parcels of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned, together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsover of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Suc-

cessors *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said two several Tracts or Parcels of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of Their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we being willing according to the Prayer of the said Petitioners in Behalf of themselves and their said Associates to create and make the said Tract of Land hereby granted a Township together with a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land granted to Simon and Catherine Metcalfe, the Lands laid out for and since granted to Corporals John Norman and Daniel Taylor and to Alexander M^{c}Kenzie, John Robertson, John Fotheringham and John Kerns private Soldiers and the Lands and Islands granted to William Crawford, Drummer, James Thompson, Serjeant, Thomas Birtch, James Ross, and Anthony Williams Corporals, and to William Legus, George Pringle, Peter Stalker, James Currant and Joseph Anderson private Soldiers, which same Tracts and Islands last above mentioned are adjacent to the said two Tracts of Land hereby granted: *Know ye* therefore that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We do by these Presents create erect and constitute the said two Tracts of Land hereby granted and also the said last above mentioned and adjacent Tracts of Land and Islands and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Prattsburgh* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this

our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise nothwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the sixth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one and of our Reign the Eleventh.

ALEXANDER McCLURE'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 75-79]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To All* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subject Alexander McLure in Behalf of himself and fifty other Persons his Associates by his humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province on the Eighth Day of February now last past did set forth that the Petitioner and his said Associates had discovered that there was a certain Tract of vacant Land vested in us, wholly uncultivated situate Eastward of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany and within our said Province of New York, *Beginning* at a large Bass Wood Tree marked with a Blaze and three Notches on two Sides standing on the Westerly

* Covered parts of Leicester, Salisbury, Middlebury, Cornwall and Whiting. Included Lake Dunmore. "A grant made on the day Governor Dunmore quitted office, and in his own interest . . ."—Vermont in the Making, Jones, p. 436.

1. Vol. 28, p. 44, accompanied by map.

Bank of the main Branch of Otter Creek being also the Southeast Corner of Lands located for Lewis Fuser[2] a reduced Captain and runs thence East about six Miles to the Foot of a large Ridge of Mountains; Thence Northerly along the Foot of the said Mountains about Twelve Miles; Thence Westerly to a large Hemlock Tree marked with the Letters *AB* standing on the Easterly Bank of Otter Creek near the Southeast Corner of Fifty Acres of Land granted to Andrew Rusk[3] late a Soldier in our Forty fourth Regiment of Foot, which Lands include the upper Falls on Otter Creek; Thence crossing the said Creek and continuing the said Line so as to come in the Direction of the Easterly Bounds of Lands granted to Gabriel H. Ludlow[4] and others; Then South to the Northeast Corner of the said Ludlow's Tract and along it's Easterly Line to the Southeast Corner thereof; Thence West Sixty one Chains to Otter Creek, and thence along the said Creek as it winds and turns to the Place of Beginning, Containing about Fifty one Thousand Acres more or less and the usual Allowance for Highways, for which they were desirous of Obtaining our Letters Patent intending to cultivate and improve the same. And therefore the said Petitioner in Behalf of himself and his Associates did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto them our Letters Patent for the above Tract of Land, under the Quit Rent Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *Which Petition* having been then and there referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province our said Council did afterwards on the sixteenth Day of the same Month of February in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent Grant to the Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs, the Tract of vacant land described in the said Petition under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our *Said* Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for him the said Alexander McLure and for his Associates to wit, Edward Foy, Andrew Elliot, Charles Williams, Alexander Colden, John Moore, Hugh Wallace, Henry White, Alexander Wallace, Goldsbrow Banyar, Archibald Kennedy, Jonathan Mallet, William McAdam, John Harris Cruger, William Stepple, Andrew Gordon, Simon Metcalfe, Hugh Gaine, Charles Morse, John Kelly, Crean Brush, John Lawrence, Henry Boel, Hugh Duncan, John Bowles, Elkanah Deane, William Deane, James Downes, Robert Hyslop, John McDowall, Thomas Valentine, Francis Stephens, John Rice, James Leadbetter, William Tuckey, Joseph Beck, Peter Middleton, Thomas Bridgen Attwood, Whitehead Hicks, William Kennedy, John Kennedy, John Shaw, Hamilton Young, James Duane, John Taylor, Benjamin Jones, John

2. Vol. 32, p. 12, with map showing many grants; the McLure grant included.
3. Vol. 22, p. 49. Shown on map above.
4. Vol. 28, p. 157. Shown on map above.

Wetherhead, James Yeoman, William C. Hulett, William Banyar and William Williams, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being Eastward of Lake Champlain in the County of Albany within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[5] at a large Bass Wood Tree marked with a Blaze and three Notches in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven by James Thompson Deputy Surveyor of Lands on the West Side of Otter Creek and in the Bounds of a Tract of Land lately granted to Abraham Lott[6] and others, and runs thence East four Hundred and forty three Chains; Then North Twelve Hundred and ten Chains; Then West four Hundred and fifty Five Chains; Then South four Hundred and eighty Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Gabriel H. Ludlow and others; and then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South four Hundred and eighty Chains to the Southeast Corner of the said last mentioned Tract of Land; Then along the South Bounds of the said last mentioned Tract of Land West sixty Chains and one Rod to the West Side of Otter Creek, and then up the West Bank of the said Creek as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract first began. Containing Fifty one Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, and an Allowance for a large Lake included within the Bounds of this Tract of Land: *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the sixth Day of this Instant Month of July and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our *Heirs* and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Alexander M^{c}Lure, Edward Foy, Andrew Elliot, Charles Williams, Alexander Colden, John Moore, Hugh Wallace, Henry White, Alexander Wallace, Goldsbrow Banyar, Archibald Kennedy, Jonathan Mallet, William M^{c}Adam, John Harris Cruger, William Stepple, Andrew Gordon, Simon Metcalfe, Hugh Gaine, Charles Morse, John Kelly, Crean Brush, John Lawrence, Henry Boel, Hugh Duncan, John Bowles, Elkanah Deane, William

5. No return of survey appears to have been made, the patent apparently was based on the map accompanying the petition—Vol. 28, p. 44.

6. Township of Monckton, see p. 213 ante.

Edward Foy was commissioned a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in England in 1757; promoted to captain in 1764; accompanied Lord Dunmore to New York in 1770 as his private secretary, and went to Virginia with him. Was gazetted Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire in 1774. Returned to England in 1775. He was at Crown Point in 1776, under General Carleton of Canada.—New York Colonial Manuscript, VIII, p. 323.

Deane, James Downes, Robert Hyslop, John McDowall, Thomas Valentine, Francis Stephens, John Rice, James Leadbetter, William Tuckey, Joseph Beck, Peter Middleton, Thomas Bridgen Attwood, Whitehead Hicks, William Kennedy, John Kennedy, John Shaw, Hamilton Young, James Duane, John Taylor, Benjamin Jones, John Wetherhead, James Yeoman, William C Hulett, William Banyar and William Williams, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, All that the Tract or Parcel or Land aforesaid set out abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof, And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees, fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal one and fiftieth part (the whole into Fifty one equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectivey forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our, or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever For the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or* if they our said Grantees or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to

be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absoutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents Contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Eighth Day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one, and of our Reign the Eleventh.

COL. THOMAS HOWARD'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 90-93]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* by our Royal Order in Council given at our Court at S[t] James's the Twenty fourth Day of May now last past we were pleased with the Advice of our Privy Council to Order that our Governor or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York for the Time being should immediately on the Receipt of our said Royal Order cause Ten Thousand Acres of Land to be surveyed in one contiguous Tract (conformable to the Directions of our Instructions with Regard to the Manner of Laying out Grants of Land) in such Part of our said Province as our loving Subject Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Howard or his Agent should Choose not already granted or surveyed to others and not possessed or claimed by the Indians. And that upon a Return of such Survey our said Governor or Commander in Chief do pass a Grant for the same to the said Thomas Howard under the Seal of our said Province upon the Terms Conditions and Reservations contained in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor. *And Whereas* the said Thomas Howard hath chosen that the said Ten Thousand Acres of Land should be laid out for him on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland, *Wherefore* in Obedience to our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for him the said Thomas Howard *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[1] on the West Bank of the said River at the South East Corner of the Township of Brattleborough and runs thence along the South Bounds of the said Township of Brattleborough North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred and twenty Chains; Then South Ten Degrees West, four Hundred and eighty Chains to the Line run for the North Bounds of the Province of the Massachusets Bay; Then along the last mentioned Line South Eighty Degrees East to Connecticut River; and then along the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the South East Corner of the Township of Brattleborough where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began, Containing Ten Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of the said Tract or Parcel of Land doth not extend along the

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* A mandamus grant covering the eastern part of present Vernon.

1. Return of survey, vol. 30, p. 45, with map.

Col. Thomas Howard was Captain of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards in 1755; became Lieutenant Colonel in 1765; Colonel in the Army in 1777 and 3d Major of the Regiment in 1778. He retired or died in 1779.—N. Y. Colonial Mss., VIII, p. 322.

Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twentieth Day of this Instant Month of November and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Thomas Howard his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto him the said Thomas Howard his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver and *Also* all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said Thomas Howard his Heirs and Assigns To the only proper Use and Behoof of the said Thomas Howard his Heirs and Assigns for ever. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said Thomas Howard his Heirs or Assigns shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract;

Or if he the said Thomas Howard, his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least, three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if he the said Thomas Howard, his Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by his, their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months From the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty third Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, and of our Reign the Twelfth, In Pursuance of, and in Obedience to our Commands signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid.

DURHAM*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 112-116]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subject Benjamin Spencer and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirteenth Day of March now last past did set forth among other Things that there was a certain large Tract of Land on Otter Creek lying to the Westward of the Heighth of Land called the Green Mountains; That part of the said large Tract of Land had *been* laid out into two Townships by the Names of Fairfield and Durham; And that the Petitioners had since at a great Expence removed and settled on that Part of the said large Tract known by the Name of Durham, *And* therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant to each of them One Thousand Acres of Land, The whole Tract to be bounded to the North by the Township of Socialborough, and to extend thence Southerly on Otter Creek, and partly on the East and Partly on the West Sides thereof as the same is fit for Cultivation and to include the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Durham so settled by the Petitioners, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Durham with the usual Privileges. *Which Petition* having been afterwards on the Twenty second Day of April now last past duly considered by our Council for our said Province, our said Council did humbly advise and Consent[2], that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Benjamin Spencer and his Associates named in the Schedule annexed to the Petition aforesaid and their Heirs, the Quantity of one Thousand Acres each of the Lands described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, And that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of Durham, with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Benjamin Spencer and for his Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid to wit, Oliver Arnold, Charles Button, Roger Stevens, Edward Arnold, Nathan Rice, Samuel Wetherll, Stephen Wachly, Jacob Marsh, Simpson Jenne, Thomas Greene, Niles Higginbottom, Elkanah Cook, Amos Marsh, Samuel Place, Daniel Briggs, Benjamin Colvin, Daniel Marsh, Elisha Williams, Jesse Sprague,

* Covered present Clarendon and part of Wallingford.

1. Vol. 27, p. 132.
2. Order in council, vol. 28, p. 152.

Stephen Arnold, Reuben Colvin, Oliver Colvin, Samuel Greene, Ichabod Foster, Benjamin Foster, Whitefield Foster, Gideon Walker, Randal Rice, Jeremiah Spencer, Benjamin Johns, Solomon Johns, William Rice, Thomas Rice and James Rice, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on both Sides of Otter Creek in our Province of New York, Part of the said Tract within the County of Albany, and Part thereof within the County of Cumberland, *Beginning*[3] at a black Birch Tree standing in the South Bounds of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Socialborough[4] formerly marked *CLARENDON* and now marked DURHAM, being the North East Corner of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Kelso[5], and runs thence along a Line of Trees marked for the said South Bounds of Socialborough, and the Bounds of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Newry[6] granted to Charles M[c]Evers and others, South Eighty six Degrees East five Hundred and forty Chains; Then Continuing along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South four Degrees West three Hundred and fifteen Chains, and South Eighty six Degrees East Fifty Chains; Then South two Hundred and forty Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West two Hundred and fifty two Chains and two Rods; Then North one Hundred and seventy six Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West three Hundred Chains to the aforesaid Tract of Land known by the Name of Kelso; Then along the Eastern Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land North four Degrees West three Hundred and twenty two Chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land began, Containing Twenty one Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the twentieth Day of

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 59.
4. See p. 208 ante.
5. See p. 156 ante.
6. See p. 244 ante.

Other petitions relating to the grant of the township of Durham may be found as follows:—that of Jacob Marsh in vol. 30, p. 69; of Eliakim Hall, in vol. 32, p. 86 and of Josiah Willard in vol. 35, p. 16.

A map showing "the true boundaries" of the townships of Durham and Wallingford is to be found in vol. 32, p. 87.

Benjamin Spencer was appointed Justice of the Peace for Albany County in December, 1770.—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 483. He was appointed a member of the Vermont Council of Safety (a temporary substitute for a state government in time of war) on July 8, 1777, but on the approach of Burgoyne's forces in August, he went over to the enemy.—Governor and Council, vol. I, pp. 108; 109; 137. For an extended account of his connection with the Durham Riots, see ibid, Vol. I, pp. 68-69; also Vermont in the Making, Jones, pp. 324-325. He was proscribed, and his property was confiscated in 1778.—Mss. State Papers of Vermont, Court of Confiscation Records, pp. 4-8. He filed a claim with the British Commissioners for losses sustained.—Audit Office of Transcripts, vol. 32, p. 499.

December now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Benjamin Spencer, Oliver Arnold, Charles Button, Roger Stevens, Edward Arnold, Nathan Rice, Samuel Wetherll, Stephen Wackly, Jacob Marsh, Simpson Jenne, Thomas Greene, Niles Higginbottom, Elkanah Cook, Amos Marsh, Samuel Place, Daniel Briggs, Benjamin Colvin, Daniel Marsh, Elisha Williams, Jesse Sprague, Stephen Arnold, Reuben Colvin, Oliver Colvin, Samuel Greene, Ichabod Foster, Benjamin Foster, Whitefield Foster, Gideon Walker, Randal Rice, Jeremiah Spencer, Benjamin Johns, Solomon Johns, William Rice, Thomas Rice and James Rice, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty fifth Part (the whole into Thirty five equal Parts to be divided) *Of* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the

said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant, settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or* if they our said Grantees or one of them their or one of their Heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office There for our said Province, and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successsors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed; *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same; at our Fort in the City of New York, the seventh

Day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

EUGENE*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 124-127]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting: *Whereas* our loving Subject John Tudor by his humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Nineteenth Day of June now last past, did set forth, That the Petitioner had discovered a Piece of vacant Land situate on the East Side of Hudsons River in the County of Albany within the Distance of Twenty Miles from the said River Included in the Bounds of a larger Tract erected into a Township under the Great Seal of our said Province by the Name of Eugene[2], *Beginning* at the Northwest Corner of that Part of the said Township granted to John Andrews and thirty two other Non Commissioned Officers; and runs thence West along the South Bounds of another Tract therein granted to George McDonald and thirty four other private Soldiers Eighty Nine Chains to the East Bounds of Land surveyed by Archibald Campbell in one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four for sundry Commission and Non Commission Officers and Soldiers; Thence along the said last mentioned Line South one Hundred and ten Chains; Thence East Eighty nine Chains; Thence North along the West Bounds of the said Tract granted to the said George McDonald and others one Hundred and ten Chains to the Place of Beginning, Containing One Thousand Acres, *And* that the Petitioner was desirous to settle and improve the said Tract or Piece of Land, *And* therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our said then Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant the said Tract or Piece of Land to the Petitioner by Letters Patent on the usual Quit Rents and Conditions: *Which Petition* having been Then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise and consent that our said then Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent, grant to the Petitioner and his Heirs the Tract of Land in the said Petition prayed for mentioned and described, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions.

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* This grant to John Tudor of 1,000 acres of land lay within the township of Eugene, being a vacant lot in that township. See note 2 below.

1. Vol. 29, p. 66.

2. The township of Eugene was a Military Patent issued to John Andrews and 31 others on June 14, 1771, see N. Y. Military Patents, vol. 2, p. 571. Eugene lay within the present townships of Rupert and Pawlet.

In Pursuance whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for him the said John Tudor, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East Side of Hudson's River in the County of Albany within our Province of New York; *Beginning*[3] at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Joshua Shaw[4] and thirty four other private Soldiers, and runs thence along the South Bounds of one other Tract of Land granted to John Townsley[4] and thirty one other Non Commission Officers West Eighty eight Chains to a Line of Trees marked in the Year one Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty four by Archibald Campbell for the Easternmost Bounds of a Tract of Land surveyed for sundry Commission, Non-Commission Officers and private Soldiers; Then along the said Line South One Hundred and twenty Chains; Then East Eighty eight Chains; Then North one Hundred and twenty Chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began, Containing One Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in Setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty fourth Day of January now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioner his Heirs and Assigns for ever: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto him the said John Tudor, his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel *Thereof: Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 60.
4. Vol. 29, p. 46, map.

Petitions for tracts partly within the township of Eugene were also filed by John Jay, vol. 29, p. 69, and John Blagg, vol. 30, p. 125.

twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said John Tudor his Heirs and Assigns, *To* the only proper Use and Behoof of the said John Tudor, his Heirs and Assigns for ever. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors, in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. *Provided* always, and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said John Tudor his Heirs or Assigns, shall not within three years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle one Family on the said Tract of Land hereby granted: *Or* if he the said John Tudor his Heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least, three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, *Or* if he the said John Tudor his Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons, by his their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors, for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our Present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our espe-

cial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twentieth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

CORINTH (Confirmatory Patent)
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 132-142]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River, *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Corinth. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Samuel Ward in Behalf of himself and his Associates by his humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet deceased then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Eighteenth Day of July which was in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, did set forth among other Things in Substance, that the said Tract or Parcel of Land called Corinth lyeth in our said Province of New York about six Miles West of Connecticut River, Contains

1. Vol. 20, p. 72. In this petition the name proposed for the township was *Conway*.

upwards of Twenty four Thousand Acres, and is bounded as follows, *Beginning* at the Southwesterly Corner Bounds of a certain Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Newbury, thence running South Thirty two Degrees West six Miles and an half to a Beech Tree marked *C W* being the northwesterly Corner of a certain Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Fairlie; Thence North Sixty two Degrees West six Miles to a Beech Tree also marked *C W,* Then North thirty Degrees East six Miles to a Maple Tree also marked *C W,* being the Southwesterly Corner Bounds of a certain Tract of Land commonly called or known by the Name of Topsham; Then South sixty five Degrees East six Miles and ten Chains by the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Topsham to the Place of Beginning being a Beech Tree also marked *C W;* That the Petitioner and his Associates were the sole Proprietors of the same Tract that would do any Thing towards the Settlement thereof, That the said Tract of Land called Corinth had been surveyed, allotted out and drawn for, And that there were personally on the Premises fifteen Inhabitants at work and would have been as many more had not *the* said Tract of Land fallen within the Bounds of our said Province of New York; That the Petitioner and his Associates were willing and desirous to secure their Property, Possessions and Improvements by obtaining our Grant under the Seal of our said Province of New York and to hold the same under such Grant: And therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray our Letters Patent Granting to the Petitioner and his Associates their Heirs and Assigns the said Tract of Land above described, and that the same might be erected into a Township and vested with the same Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York had and did enjoy.[2] *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Samuel Ward and the other Persons his Associates whose Names are mentioned in the said Report, the Tract of Land aforesaid, to be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions *Except* the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract formerly allotted to or claimed by Benning Wentworth Esquire, Theodore Atkinson, Theodore Atkinson Junior, Nathaniel Barrel, Mark Hunking Wentworth and Amos Moody, which having no Improvement made thereupon were to remain vested in us, *And* that the several Shares of the said Tract, which by the said pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses should be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, One such Share for the Use of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister

2. Exemplification of warrant to survey, vol. 21, p. 92, dated July 22, 1766.

of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises; A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Town, and one Hundred Acres for the Use of a School master residing on the Premises; *And Whereas* our loving Subjects Samuel Holland, John Taplin and Henry Moore in Behalf of themselves and the other Owners and Proprietors under the pretended Grant of the Government of New Hampshire of the said Tract of Land called Corinth did by their humble Petition[3] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our said Council on the Twelfth Day of February now last past set forth, among other Things that the said Samuel Ward and almost all of the Persons interested in the said Tract at the Time of the Proceedings herein before recited, had since disposed of their Rights therein to the said Petitioners and their Associates: And therefore they the said Petitioners did humbly pray that their Names and the Names of their Associates *mentioned* in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed might be inserted as Grantees in the Letters Patent aforesaid, instead of the Persons mentioned and intended as Grantees in and by the Report and Proceedings above recited, And that the Shares of the said Tract so formerly allotted to the Persons above named and directed as aforesaid to remain vested in us, Except the Share of the said Benning Wentworth might be included in the Grant for the Benefit of the present Owners thereof. On due Consideration of which last recited Petition our said Council did humbly advise, that instead of the Persons mentioned in the said Report, our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land should issue to the said Petitioners Samuel Holland, John Taplin and Henry Moore and their Associates whose Names are mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, *And* that the Shares or Proportions of the said Tract so formerly allotted to the said Theodore Atkinson, Theodore Atkinson Junior, Nathaniel Barrel, Mark Hunking Wentworth and Amos Moody and directed to remain vested in us as aforesaid be granted by our said Letters Patent, and that the whole of the said Tract be erected into a Township by the Name of Corinth. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Samuel Holland, John Taplin and Henry Moore, and for their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, William Wickham, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Adam Vandenbergh, Gilbert Burger, Thomas Duncan, John Shatford Jones, John L. C. Roome, Garret Abeel, John Fowler, Joseph Charter, William Crossley, John Blacklock, Samuel Roberts Oliver Willard, John Somerndyck, Henry Broadwell, Peter Webbers, John Carpender Junior and Obadiah Wells, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of Corinth, situate lying and being on

3. Vol. 30, p. 120.

the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[4] at a Beech Tree marked with the Letters *W K, N W* Corner *P M, E W;* which said Tree is the Place where the Township of Kingsland[5] begins, and also the Place where the Township of Gageborough[6] begins; and runs thence along the Northernmost Bounds of the last mentioned Township South sixty two Degrees East four Hundred and eighty Chains to the Township of Mooretown[7]; Then along the Westernmost Bounds of the last mentioned Township North thirty two Degrees East five Hundred and Twenty Chains; Then North Sixty six Degrees West five Hundred Chains to the Township of Kempeton[8]; Then along the Easternmost Bounds of the last mentioned Township, and the Easternmost Bounds of the above mentioned Township of Kingsland, South thirty Degrees West four Hundred and Eighty Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Twenty three Thousand and one Hundred Acres of Land, and the usual Allowance for Highways, and containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty one Thousand and six Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, One of which said Lots of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say *Beginning* at the Northeasternmost Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract of which this fifth Lot is a Part; and runs thence along the Northernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract North sixty six Degrees West one Hundred Chains, Then South thirty two Degrees West fifty three Chains; Then South sixty six Degrees East one Hundred Chains to the Easternmost Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the last mentioned Bounds North Thirty two Degrees East fifty three Chains to the Place where this fifth Lot began, Containing five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out the several Lots herein after described, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract for the several and respective Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned, that is to say, *For* the Use of *The Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the First Lot, and which begins at the Distance of Two Hundred and Eighty eight Chains measured on a Course North Seventy three Degrees East from the above mentioned Beech Tree where the above

4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 137.
5. See p. 110 ante.
6. See p. 132 ante.
7. See p. 128 ante.
8. See p. 91 ante.

Samuel Holland was Surveyor General of the Colonies north of Virginia; a major in the French War; settled in New Jersey in 1773; in 1775 went to Lower Canada as Surveyor General in which duty he continued for nearly fifty years. Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils when he died in 1801.—Sabine, Loyalists of the American Revolution, II, 536. He completed the survey of the Province of New Hampshire in 1770.—State Papers of New Hampshire, VII, 294. He entered a claim for losses incurred from estates in Vermont,—Audit Office Transcripts, XI, 180-181, XXIX, 461.

described larger Tract, of which this Lot is a Part begins, and runs from the End of the said two Hundred and eighty eight Chains, South Sixty two Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North thirty two Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then North sixty two Degrees West one Hundred Chains; and then South thirty two Degrees West Thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the time being residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins at the Northwesternmost Corner of the above mentioned first Lot, and runs thence along the Northernmost Bounds of the said first Lot, South sixty two Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North thirty two Degrees East Thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then North Sixty two Degrees West one Hundred Chains; and then South thirty two Degrees West Thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the first settled Minister of the Gospel* on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, which begins at the Northwesternmost Corner of the above mentioned second Lot, and runs thence along the northernmost Bounds of the said second Lot South sixty two Degrees East one Hundred Chains; then North Thirty two Degrees East Thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then North sixty two Degrees West one Hundred Chains; and then South Thirty two Degrees West Thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot, which begins at the North westernmost Corner of the above mentioned third, Lot and runs thence along the Northernmost Bounds of the said third Lot South Sixty two Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North thirty two Degrees East ten Chains and two Rods; Then North sixty two Degrees West one Hundred Chains; and then South thirty two Degrees West ten Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing one Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty second Day of February now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty three Thousand and one Hundred Acres

of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the Petitioners last aforesaid and their Associates above named, their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limitted, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Samuel Holland, John Taplin, Henry Moore, William Wickham, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Adam Vandenbergh, Gilbert Burger, Thomas Duncan, John Shatford Jones, John L. C. Roome, Garret Abeel, John Fowler, Joseph Charter, William Crossley, John Blacklock, Samuel Roberts, Oliver Willard, John Somerndyck, Henry Broadwell, Peter Webbers, John Carpender Junior and Obadiah Wells, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted, bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including All those the afore mentioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract, For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, For a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, For the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, And for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract. *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted, bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the Fifth Lot as aforesaid, Together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, The same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty three Thousand and one Hundred Acres of Land herein before described, and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted. *And also Except* and always reserved out of this our present

Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, To, for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limitted, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purposes whatsoever, that is to say:

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal two and twentieth Part, the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to be divided of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Samuel Holland, John Taplin, Henry Moore, William Wickham, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Adam Vandenbergh, Gilbert Burger, Thomas Duncan, John Shatford Jones, John L. C. Roome, Garret Abeel, John Fowler, Joseph Charter, William Crossley, John Blacklock, Samuel Roberts, Oliver Willard, John Somerndyck, Henry Broadwell, Peter Webbers, John Carpender Junior, and Obadiah Wells their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever; All and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof,

Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land Containing Twenty three Thousand and one Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Corinth* for ever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our said Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the second Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

WILLIAM NICHOLL'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 176-180]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subjects William Nicholls, William Swan, Simon Stevens, William Malcom, Gamaliel Wallis, Richard Wenman and their Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin, John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Nineteenth Day of June now last past did set forth, That the Petitioners had discovered a Tract of vacant Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East Side of the Waters that run from South Bay towards Crown Point, and about Northeast from Ticonderoga, bounding westerly by Lands granted to Lieutenant Hay, Lieutenant Phyn and Captain Triby; Northerly by a Tract of Land granted to Captain Cardigan; Easterly by Lands located by Messieurs Ludlow and Morris and Southerly by Lands granted to Captain James Grant, Containing about Nine Thousand Acres, And therefore humbly Praying that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs and Assigns the said Tract of vacant Land on the usual Terms. *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Council did afterwards on the same Nineteenth Day of June in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent, that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the vacant Tract of Land in their said Petition described under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said William Nicholls, William Swan, Simon Stevens, William Malcom, Gamaliel Wallis and Richard Wenman, The whole of the unpatented Lands described in their said Petition, to wit, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Albany within our Province of New York on the East Side of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain, *Beginning*[2] in the East Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant John Hay[3] at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land lately granted to Quarter Master Thomas Tricket[4]; and runs thence along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land East two Hundred and Eighteen Chains to a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Ludlow[5]; Then along the West and South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract

* This patent covered a tract of 4,000 acres in the present township of Shoreham.

1. Vol. 29, p. 87, map.

of Land South Seventy four Chains, and East one Hundred and twenty seven Chains; Then South Seventy eight Chains and one Rod to a Tract of Land granted to Captain James Grant[6]; Then along the North Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land West three Hundred and forty five Chains to the East Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to Captain George Clark[7]; Then along the said East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land and the East Bounds of the above mentioned Tract of Land granted to Lieutenant John Hay North one Hundred and fifty two Chains and one Rod to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Four Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty sixth Day of September now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *And Whereas* by the Certificate aforesaid it appears that the Tract of Land so set out as aforesaid contains no more than Four Thousand Acres of Land altho' previous to the Survey thereof it was supposed to contain Nine Thousand Acres. It was therefore on the Twenty eighth Day of February now last past ordered by our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same by and with the Advice and Consent of our said Council, that our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land, which was so advised to be granted to the Parties above mentioned and their Associates, issue in the Names of the said Parties only, and for their sole Use, Benefit and Behoof; *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns, for ever, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said William Nicholls, William Swan, Simon Stevens, William Malcom, Gamaliel Wallis, and Richard Wenman their Heirs and Assigns for ever; *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest Pos-

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 29, p. 149.
3. Vol. 20, p. 48.
4. Vol. 23, p. 113.
5. Vol. 28, p. 137.
6. Vol. 23, p. 123.
7. Vol. 20, p. 23.

session, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All mines of Gold and Silver; And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal sixth Part (the whole into six equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or* if they our said Grantees or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least, three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained, shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to, and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not

been made, Any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding; *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the Third Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

TRURO*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 181-186]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth; *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subject Francis Stephens by his humble Petition[1] in Behalf of himself and his Associates, presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first Day of October which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy, did set forth among other things, that the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a Tract of vacant land on the West Side of Connecticut

* In the vicinity of Calais. By checking the descriptions of the boundaries in the patents of Truro and Penryn with the large map opposite p. 774, vol. I, Documentary History of New York, 8 vo. series, it will be seen that the township of Truro lay where Penryn appears on that map, and Penryn should appear where Truro is indicated—south of Kingsborough.

1. Vol. 28, pp. 106, 110.

River in the County of Gloucester Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Township of Kingsborough, from thence running North sixty Degrees West about two Hundred and Fifty Chains; then South fifty Degrees West about six Hundred and Seventy Chains; Thence South Sixty Degrees East about four Hundred and fifty Chains to the South West Corner of Kingsborough, and thence North Thirty Degrees East about six Hundred and twelve Chains. That the said Tract of Land had not been granted by the Government of New Hampshire and therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto him and his Associates and their Heirs the Quantity of Twenty Two Thousand Acres of the said vacant Tract of Land, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Truro with the usual Privileges. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day humbly advise and Consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs, the Quantity of Twenty two Thousand Acres of the Tract of vacant Land aforesaid under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations, and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of Truro, with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Francis Stephens and for his Associates to wit Hugh Gaine, William Crossley, Johnston Fairholme, Lambert Moore, John Moore, Thomas Moore, John Copp, James Moran, James Penny, Charles Williams, John B Sebring, Andrew Gordon, Anthony Kendall, James Coggeshall, John Ryan, Hendrick Killman, Charles Hadley, Peter Schenck, Archibald Mercer, Samuel Bard and Peter Bard, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of Land granted to John Morin Scott and others called Kingsborough[3], and runs thence along the Westernmost Bounds of the said Tract of Land called Kingsborough South thirty Degrees West four Hundred and twenty five Chains; Then North fifty Degrees West two Hundred and fifty five Chains; Then North thirty Degrees East five Hundred and seventy two Chains; Then South sixty Degrees East six Hundred and sixty Chains; then South thirty Degrees West two Hundred Chains to the said Tract of Land called Kingsborough, and then along the Northernmost Bounds of the same Tract North Sixty Degrees West four Hundred and ten Chains to the Place where this Tract began,

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 92.
3. See p. 144 ante.

Francis Stephens was Storekeeper of His Majesty's Ordnance at New York in 1775. —Colonial History of New York, VIII, p. 600.

Containing Twenty two Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing *Date* the Eighteenth Day of February now last Past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner, and his said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the Several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Francis Stephens, Hugh Gaine, William Crossley, Johnston Fairholme, Lambert Moore, John Moore, Thomas Moore, John Copp, James Moran, James Penny, Charles Williams, John B Sebring, Andrew Gordon, Anthony Kendall, James Coggeshall, John Ryan, Hendrick Killman, Charles Hadley, Peter Schenck, Archibald Mercer, Samuel Bard and Peter Bard their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal two and Twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned, their Heirs and Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants: *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich, in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Col-

lector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain and by the Name of *Truro* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown (page 29), which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same; at our Fort in our City of New York the Ninth Day of March in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

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[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 187-192]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subject Thomas Barnet by his humble Petition[1] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of *New York* and read in our Council for our said Province on the thirty first Day of October which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy, did set forth, That the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a Tract of vacant Land on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our said Province *Beginning* at the North East Corner of the Township of Newbrook granted to Jacobus Van Zandt and others, running from thence South thirty Degrees West about three Hundred and fifty Chains; Thence South sixty Degrees East about five Hundred Chains; Thence North thirty Degrees East about five Hundred Chains; Thence North sixty Degrees West about three Hundred Chains to the South West Line of the Township of Kingsborough, and thence South thirty Degrees West about two Hundred and fifteen Chains to the Southeast Corner of the last mentioned Tract, and thence North sixty Degrees West to the Place of Beginning. And that the said Tract of Land tho' within the former Claim of the Government of New Hampshire had not been granted by that Government, And therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto him and his Associates and their Heirs the Quantity of Twenty two Thousand Acres of the said vacant Land, And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of *Penryn,* with the usual Privileges. *Which* Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards, on the same Day, humbly advise and consent, that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should, by our Letters Patent, grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates, and their Heirs, the Tract of vacant Land aforesaid, Under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, and that the same should be erected into a Township by the Name of *Penryn,* with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Thomas Barnet and for his Associates to wit John Copp, Samuel Roberts, James Moran, Edward McCartney, Abraham Schenck, Charles Gay, John Tyson, James Penny, James Smith, John Moore, William Moore, Johnston Fairholme, Lambert Moore,

* Covered part of present townships of Orange, Groton and Plainfield.

1. Vol. 27, p. 109.

Paul Schenck, Charles Williams, John B Sebring, Anthony Kendall, James Coggleshall, Thomas Moore, Andrew Gordon and John Bard, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at the North East Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Jacobus Van Zandt and others called Newbrook, and runs thence along the Bounds of the same Tract called Newbrook[3] South Thirty Degrees West two Hundred and Eighty Chains to a Tract of Land granted to Pierre G: DePeyster and others called Kempeton[4]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South fifty seven Degrees East four Hundred and fifty Chains; Then North Thirty Degrees East seven Hundred and thirty Chains; Then North fifty seven Degrees West two Hundred and thirty five Chains to a Tract of Land granted to John Morin Scott and others called Kingsborough[5]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South thirty Degrees West four Hundred and thirty seven Chains, and North sixty Degrees West two Hundred and fifteen Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Twenty two Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Nineteenth Day of February now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given, granted, ratified and confirmed and *do* by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Thomas Barnet, John Copp, Samuel Roberts, James Moran, Edward M^{c}Cartney, Abraham Schenck, Charles Gay, John Tyson, James Penny, James Smith, John Moore, William Moore, Johnston Fairholme, Lambert Moore, Paul Schenck, Charles Williams, John B. Sebring, Anthony Kendall, James Coggeshall, Thomas Moore, Andrew Gordon and John Bard, their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appur-

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 93.
3. See p. 140 ante.
4. See p. 91 ante.
5. See p. 144 ante.

Thomas Barnet was listed as "Gentleman" in Burghers and Freemen of New York City, 1770, New York Historical Society Collections, p. 233.

tenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards, at twelve Inches from the Earth, for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal two and Twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants: *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day *the* yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and Except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, And by the Name of *Penryn* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our

Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the Tenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

NEWBURY—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 195-203]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted, and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Newbury: *And Whereas* our loving Subject Benjamin Whiting in Behalf of himself and others his Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire, our Lieutenant Governor, and then our Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York, and read in our Council for

1. Vol. 19, p. 24. A second petition of Benjamin Whiting, dated Dec. 16, 1766, accompanied by a map, refers to an alteration in the boundary lines of Newbury, vol. 22, p. 125.

our said Province of New York, on the Twenty second Day of May, which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty five, did set forth among other Things in Substance, that there was a certain Tract of Land, *Beginning* at a marked Tree standing on the Bank of the Westerly Side of Connecticut River opposite to the Mouth of Amonusock River, and from thence extending Southerly or Southwesterly down Connecticut River as it runs til it comes to a Tree standing there marked with certain Figures, and which is about seven Miles on a streight Line below the Mouth of Amonusock River aforesaid, from thence running North fifty nine Degrees West six Miles and one Quarter of a Mile to a Stake and Stones; from thence North twenty Degrees East six Miles and one half Mile to a Stake and Stones, and from thence to the marked Tree on the Side of the River the Place of Beginning. That the Petitioners conceiving the said Tract of Land to have been within the Province of New Hampshire had seated themselves and made actual Improvement thereupon under the pretended Grant of that Government, but Finding by our Royal Order in Council of the Twentieth Day of July One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four that the said Tract of Land was within the Jurisdiction of our Province of New York, And the Petitioners who were the only Settlers thereon, being willing to secure their Possessions and Improvements by our Grant under the Seal of our said Province of New [sic] and to hold the same under our said Government of New York, The Petitioners did therefore humbly pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them in equal Proportitions [*sic*] the Tract of Land aforesaid Containing about Twenty six Thousand Acres on the like Terms on which Lands are usually granted within our said Province of New York, *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humby advise and consent that our said Lieutenant Governor, and then our Commander in Chief as aforesaid, should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Benjamin Whiting and the other Petitioners in equal Proportions, the Tract of Land aforesaid under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Jacob Bayley by his Petition[2] in Behalf of himself and the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the fifth Day of February now last past did set forth, that he had been appointed by the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land an Agent

2. Vol. 30, p. 111. Certificate of appointment of Jacob Bayley, Moses Little and Benjamin Whiting as Agents appears on this same page.

for the Purpose of Obtaining our Letters Patent aforesaid to be granted under our said Province of New York for the same Tract, *And* therefore he the said Petitioner did humbly pray that our said Letters Patent might issue in the Names of the several Persons mentioned in the Schedule to his said Petition annexed and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of *Newbury*. *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition, our same Council did humbly advise that instead of the Persons mentioned and intended as Grantees in and by the Report and Proceedings aforesaid, our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the several Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, And that the several Shares of the said Tract of Land, which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, One such Share for the Use of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the time being residing on the Premises—A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Township, And One Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Premises. That the Share of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire should remain vested in us, and that the whole of the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Newbury with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the several Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid to wit, For Jacob Bayley, John Taplin, Stephen Little, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Blanchard, Nathan Stone, Waldron Blaau, James Cobham, Joseph Beck, Samuel Bayard, John Weatherhead, William Williams, James Creassy, John Bowles, John Grumly, Marinus Willet, Richard Wenman, John Kelly, John Shatford Jones, James Downes, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, John Lewis, Crean Brush, and John Taylor, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Corinth[4], which said Corner is likewise the Northwest Corner of the Township of Mooretown[5], and this Tract runs

3. Return of survey with map, vol. 30, p. 148.
4. See p. 92 ante.
5. See p. 128 ante.

Benjamin Whiting was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the government of New York in 1766, prior to the formation of Cumberland County, and he acted as Deputy Surveyor under the Surveyor General of New Hampshire in 1768.—History of Eastern Vermont. Hall, pp. 146, 765. Appointed Deputy Surveyor of the King's Woods, Dec. 4, 1767.—The Birthplace of Vermont, Wardner, p. 130.

Jacob Bayley served in the French and Indian War from 1756 to 1760, rising from a lieutenant to colonel. He settled in Newbury about 1762. Was appointed Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for Gloucester County, and was elected repre-

thence along the North Bounds of the said Township of Mooretown South fifty nine Degrees East five Hundred and fifteen Chains to Connecticut River; then up along the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to a Pitch Pine Tree marked with the Letters and Figures $\frac{1765}{N\ B\ Y}$ from which Tree the Mouth of Ammanoosick River bears South fifty three Degrees East; Then from the said Tree North Sixty Degrees West four Hundred and Seventy seven Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West five Hundred and Twenty Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land, and the usual Allowance for Highways, and Containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty three Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *One* of which said Lots or Parcels of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* at the before mentioned Pitch Pine Tree marked for the Northeast Corner of the said larger Tract, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said larger Tract North sixty Degrees West Eighty Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West Seventy Chains; Then South sixty Degrees East Eighty two Chains to Connecticut River, and then up along the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this fifth Lot began, Containing Five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the following four Lots of Land, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say, *For the Use of the Incorporated* Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the First Lot, and which begins at the Northwest Corner of the said larger Tract, of which this Lot is a Part, and runs thence along the West Bounds of the said larger Tract, South Twenty Degrees West thirty two Chains; Then South Sixty Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North Twenty Degrees East thirty two Chains to the North Bounds of the said larger Tract; Then along the said North Bounds North sixty Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the Place where this Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of

sentative to the Provincial Congress of New York in 1775, but on account of the imminence of an Indian Raid in the Coos country, did not take his seat; was Brigadier General for Gloucester and Cumberland Counties in 1776. He was a member of the Convention to draft the Constitution of the new State of Vermont, and a member of the first Council of Safety; he represented Newbury in the legislature, and was a member of the Council, a member of the Court of Confiscation and served as Brigadier General during the Revolution. He was appointed Commissary General of the Northern Department by General Washington in 1777.—History of Newbury, Wells, pp. 434-435; Thompson's History of Vermont, part 2, p. 16; part 3, p. 124; Revolutionary Rolls of Vermont. See General Bayley's letter to the President of the New York Convention, dated February 19, 1777, in Documentary History of New York, vol. IV, pp. 930-931.

a Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the *Time* being residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot and which begins in the West Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Southwest Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the said West Bounds South Twenty Degrees West Thirty two Chains; Then South Sixty Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North Twenty Degrees East thirty two Chains to the said first Lot; and then along the South Bounds of the said first Lot North sixty Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the first settled Minister of the Gospel* on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which begins in the North Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northeast Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the East Bounds of the said first and second Lot South twenty Degrees West sixty four Chains; Then South Sixty Degrees East fifty Chains; Then North Twenty Degrees East sixty four Chains to the North Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the said North Bounds North sixty Degrees West fifty five Chains to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land, and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot, and which begins in the North Bounds of the said larger Tract at the North West Corner of the said fifth Lot; and runs thence along the said North Bounds North sixty Degrees West fifteen Chains; Thence South twenty Degrees West Seventy Chains; Then South sixty Degrees East fifteen Chains to the said fifth Lot, and then along the West Bounds of the said fifth Lot North Twenty Degrees East Seventy Chains to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing one Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Eleventh Day of this Instant Month of March and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. Which said Tract of Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Jacob Bayley and the other Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and appointments, and under the several Reservations,

Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, *We* have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, *And do* by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Jacob Bayley, John Taplin, Stephen Little, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Blanchard, Nathan Stone, Waldron Blaau, James Cobham, Joseph Beck, Samuel Bayard, John Wetherhead, William Williams, James Creassy, John Bowles, John Grumly, Marinus Willet, Richard Wenman John Kelly, John Shatford Jones, James Downes, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, John Lewis, Crean Brush, and John Taylor their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted, bounded And described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract, For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, For a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, For the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, and for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present grant, unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted, bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the Fifth Lot as aforesaid, Together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, The same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land herein before described, and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted. *And also Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and

every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, *And* to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning all the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fifth Part (the whole into Twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Jacob Bayley, John Taplin, Stephen Little, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Blanchard, Nathan Stone, Waldron Blaau, James Cobham, Joseph Beck, Samuel Bayard, John Wetherhead, William Williams, James Creassy, John Bowles, John Grumly, Marinus Willet, Richard Wenman, John Kelly, John Shatford Jones, James Downes, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, John Lewis, Crean Brush and John Taylor their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, All and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land Containing Twenty five Thousand Acres herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Town-

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WINDHAM*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 144-150]

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* Covered parts of present townships of Berlin, Northfield and Roxbury.

1. Vol. 28, p. 25.—with map.

of the same, and read in our Council For our said Province on the Twenty eighth Day of February now last past did set forth, That the Petitioners had lately discovered that there was a certain Tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning* at the Northwest Corner of the Township of Newbrook, and running thence Southerly to the Southwest Corner of the Township of Leyden; Thence Westerly, Northerly and easterly to the Place of Beginning, so as to include the Quantity of Thirty five Thousand Acres, and the usual Allowance for Highways; for which the Petitioners were desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent that they might make immediate Improvement thereon. That the said Tract of Land had never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire, but was still vacant and vested in us; And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them the above described Tract of Land, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Windham with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioner Joseph Beck and his Associates and their Heirs, the Tract of Land described in their said Petition, or so much thereof as did not interfere with any prior Grant, Location or Petition, under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our said Royal Instructions; and that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Windham with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province: *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Petitioner Joseph Beck and his Associates to wit Thomas Howard, Thomas James, Robert Rogers, Johnston Fairholme, Peter Middleton, Andrew Gordon, James Robertson, Edmund Fanning, William Shirriff, Samuel Wells, Charles Preston, William Blakeny Borough, John Brown, William Anstruther, Alexander Grant, Robert McCaullay, William Bayard, John Kelly, William Bruce, Gabriel Maturin, Stephen Kemble, Thomas Moncrief, Samuel Stevens, Otho Hamilton, John Reid, Edward Thompson, Edward Smith, William Brown, Benjamin John Johnson, John Bowles, William Williams, Archibald Kennedy, Waldron Blaau and Simon Stevens, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York. *Beginning*[2] in the South Bounds of the Township

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 22.

known by the Name of Newbrook[3] at the Northwest Corner of a Township known by the Name of Leyden[4]; and runs thence along the South Bounds of Newbrook North sixty Degrees West Eighty one Chains to the Southwest Corner of Newbrook; Then along the West Bounds of Newbrook North thirty Degrees East five Hundred and three Chains to the Northwest Corner of Newbrook, Then the same Course North thirty Degrees East continued One Hundred and eighty eight Chains; then South forty Degrees West four Hundred and Sixty four Chains; Then North fifty Degrees West two Hundred and Ninety one Chains; Then South thirty Degrees West eight Hundred and fifty six Chains; Then South Sixty Degrees East four Hundred and forty nine Chains to the Southwest Corner of Leyden; and then along the West Bounds of Leyden North thirty Degrees East five Hundred and seventy three Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Thirty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Tenth Day of this Instant Month of March, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned: *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Joseph Beck, Thomas Howard, Thomas James, Robert Rogers, Johnston Fairholme, Peter Middleton, Andrew Gordon, James Robertson, Edmund Fanning, William Shirriff, Samuel Wells, Charles Preston, William Blakeny Borough, John Brown, William Anstruther, Alexander Grant, Robert M^{c}Caullay, William Bayard, John Kelly, William Bruce, Gabriel Maturin, Stephen Kemble, Thomas Moncrieff, Samuel Stevens, Otho Hamilton, John Reid, Edward Thompson, Edward Smith, William Brown, Benjamin John Johnson, John Bowles, William Williams, Archibald Kennedy, Waldron Blaau and Simon Stevens, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, and also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the

3. See p. 140 ante.
4. See p. 155 ante.

Joseph Beck was listed as "Staymaker" on September 11, 1770, in Burghers and Freemen of New York City—N. Y. Historical Society Collection, p. 234.

same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions; Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, Except and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty fifth Part (the whole into Thirty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and seperate use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain and by the Name of *Windham* for ever hereafter to be called and known;

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace,

certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the twenty fifth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

WESTMINSTER—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 154-162]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted, and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Westminster. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects Bildad Andross and Michael Metcalf in Behalf of themselves and their Associates Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Westminster by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twentieth Day of December which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand, seven Hundred and sixty six, did set forth in Substance, that there was a certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in our said Province of New York commonly

1. Vol. 21, p. 40.

called and known by the Name of Westminster situate on Connecticut River, and is seven Miles from North to South, and six Miles from East to West and bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* at the North Side of the Mouth of Saxons River (so called) where it empties itself into Connecticut River aforesaid, and from thence running due West by the Line of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Rockingham six Miles, from thence South seven Miles, from thence due East six Miles to Connecticut River aforesaid, then Northerly on the Bank of the said River to the Place of Beginning. That the Petitioners and their Associates were settled on the Premises to the Number of Fifty Families and upwards; that they obtained the Pretended Grant aforesaid of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Westminster by our Letters Patent under the Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, and thought their Title was good 'till the Arrival of our Royal Order in our Privy Council Declaring the West Bank of Connecticut River to be the Dividing Line between the two Provinces That the Petitioners and their Associates were willing and desirous to secure their Property, Possessions and Improvements by obtaining our Grant under the Great Seal of our said Province of New York, And therefore the Petitioners for themselves and their Associates did humbly pray, that in Consideration of the Equity of their Case, our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates, their Heirs and Assigns forever the said Tract of Land, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Westminster, and vested with the same Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise and consent, that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners the said Bildad Andross and Michael Metcalf and their Associates, their Heirs and Assigns the Tract of Land described in their said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; *And* that the several Shares of the said Tract, which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses should be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say.—*One* such Share for the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts:—A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises:—A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract:—And one Hundred Acres thereof for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the same Tract: *And* that the whole of the said Tract of Land be by our said Letters Patent erected into a Township by the Name of Westminster, with the usual Privileges, *Provided* that previous to the Passing of our

said Letters Patent, the Names of the Petitioners Associates proposed to be inserted therein as Grantees should be laid before our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief in Council. *And Whereas* the said Bildad Andross and Michael Metcalf by their humble Petition[2] in Behalf of themselves and their Associates named in the Schedule thereunto subjoined presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York, on the Nineteenth Day of February now last past, Reciting the Proceedings aforesaid, did set forth in Substance, that the Schedule thereunto subjoined, contained a List of the Petitioners Associates proposed to be inserted as Grantees in our said Letters Patent, which they were desirous forthwith to sue out and obtain: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray, that our Letters Patent, for the said Tract or Parcel of Land so advised to be granted as aforesaid might issue in the Names of the Petitioners and their Associates contained in the said Schedule. *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition our same Council did humbly advise that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land called Westminster our said Captain General and Governor in Chief last mentioned do issue the same agreeable to the Order and Proceedings aforesaid in the Names of the said Bildad Andross and Michael Metcalf, and in the Names *Also* of their Associates named in the Schedule annexed to the said last recited Petition; And that the Share and Proportion of the said Tract formerly allotted under the pretended Grant of New Hampshire to Benning Wentworth Esquire remain vested in us. *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Bildad Andross and Michael Metcalf, and for their Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Benjamin James, Samuel Boyer, Daniel Mesnard, Lawrence Kilbrun, John Lewis, William Williams, Alexander Whyte, Oliver Willard, Giles Alexander, Benjamin Stout, John B. Stout, Samuel Wells, Samuel Stevens, John Church, John Kelly, William Malcom, Benjamin Garrison, Gamaliel Wallis, Francis Elsworth, Joseph Beck, William Thompson, Egbert Benson, and William Willard, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the North Side of the Mouth of Saxon's River[4] where it empties

2. Vol. 30, p. 130.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 47.
4. Saxton's River.

A petition of Bildad Andros, William Willard and associates, inhabitants of Westminster, dated October 1, 1765, for a grant of the township, formerly granted under New Hampshire, is found in vol. 19, p. 174, which petition is not mentioned in the Council Minutes.

itself into Connecticut River, and runs thence North eighty Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West five Hundred and sixty Chains; Then South eighty Degrees East four Hundred and Eighty Chains to Connecticut River; and then northerly along the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, And Containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty three Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *One* of which said Lots or Parcels of Land distinguished by the Name of the Fifth Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* at the Place where the above mentioned larger Tract begins, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said larger Tract North Eighty Degrees West Eighty eight Chains; Then South ten Degrees West fifty two Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East one Hundred and eight Chains to Connecticut River; and then Northerly up the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this fifth Lot began, Containing Five Hundred Acres of Land, and the usual Allowance for Highways:—*And also* our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the following four Lots of Land, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say, For the use of *The Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts,* All that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot, and which begins at the Northwest Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract of which this first Lot is a Part, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said larger Tract, South Eighty Degrees East forty Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West Eighty Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West forty Chains to the Westernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the said westernmost Bounds North Twenty Degrees East Eighty Chains to the Place where this Lot began, Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the *Minister* of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract, All that certain Lot or Parcel of Land Distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins in the North Bounds of the said larger Tract at the North East Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the said North Bounds South Eighty Degrees East forty Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West Eighty Chains; Then North eighty Degrees West forty Chains

Bildad Andross, then of Westminster was appointed Justice of the Peace for Cumberland County.—History of Eastern Vermont, Hall, p. 765. He was a Deputy Sheriff at the time of the Westminster Massacre, in 1775.—Birthplace of Vermont, Wardner, p. 246. He was a member, from Mooretown (Bradford) of the Conventions at Windsor, in June and July, 1777.—Governor and Council, vol. I, pp. 54. 63. He represented Bradford in the legislature of 1787.—Deming's Civil Officers of Vermont.

to the said first Lot; and then along the Easternmost Bounds of the said first Lot North twenty Degrees East Eighty Chains to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways:—*For the first settled Minister of the Gospel* on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the *Third* Lot, and which begins in the North Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northeast Corner of the said second Lot; and runs thence along the said North Bounds South Eighty Degrees East forty Chains; Then South twenty Degrees West Eighty Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West forty Chains to the said second Lot; and then along the Easternmost Bounds of the said second Lot North twenty Degrees East eighty Chains to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways:—*And* for the Use of a *Schoolmaster* Residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the *Fourth* Lot, and which begins in the North Bounds of the said larger Tract, at the Northeast Corner of the said third Lot, and runs thence along the said North Bounds South Eighty Degres East Thirteen Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West Eighty Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West thirteen Chains to the Easternmost Bounds of the said third Lot; and then along the said Easternmost Bounds North Twenty Degrees East Eighty Chains to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing One Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And in Setting out* the said larger Tract, and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of this Instant Month of March and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid their Heirs and Assigns forever (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively: *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Bildad Andross, Michael Metcalf, Benjamin James, Samuel Boyer, Daniel Mesnard, Lawrence Kilbrun,

John Lewis, William Williams, Alexander Whyte, Oliver Willard, Giles Alexander, Benjamin Stout, John B. Stout, Samuel Wells, Samuel Stevens, John Church, John Kelly, William Malcom, Benjamin Garrison, Gamaliel Wallis, Francis Elsworth, Joseph Beck, William Thompson, Egbert Benson, and William Willard, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted, bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (*Except* thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including All those the afore mentioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract *For* the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established; *For* the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract; *And* for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the Fifth Lot as aforesaid; Together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, The same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty five Thousand Acres of Land herein before described and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted: *And also Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, to for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively: And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law Established; for the sole benefit of the first settled minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning all the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fifth Part (the whole into Twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof, with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining (*Except* as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Bildad Andross, Michael Metcalf, Benjamin James, Samuel Boyer, Daniel Mesnard, Lawrence Kilbrun, John Lewis, William Williams, Alexander Whyte, Oliver Willard, Giles Alexander, Benjamin Stout, John B. Stout, Samuel Wells, Samuel Stevens, John Church, John Kelly, William Malcom, Benjamin Garrison, Gamaliel Wallis, Francis Elsworth, Joseph Beck, William Thompson, Egbert Benson and William Willard, their Heirs and Assigns respectively, To their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, *All* and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain: *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever, for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land containing Twenty five Thousand Acres herein before mentioned, and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain; And by the Name of *Westminster* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further, and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record, within six Months from the Date thereof in our said Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection, or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed: *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty sixth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

WINDSOR—A Confirmatory Grant
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 166-175]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or side of Connecticut River, *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hamp-

shire by the Name of Windsor. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects Zedekiah Stone, Nathan Stone and David Stone the second in Behalf of themselves and twenty other Persons by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor, and then our Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twenty ninth Day of October which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five, did set forth among other Things, that there was a certain Tract of Land lying in our said Province of New York commonly called and known by the Name of Windsor a little more than six Miles Square, *Beginning*[2] at a black Ash Tree standing on the West Bank of Connecticut River marked with the Figures two and three, and runs from thence West sixteen Degrees North six Miles; Then North six degrees East six Miles and fifty six Rod; Then East sixteen Degrees South six Miles and a Quarter to a Maple Tree standing on the said Bank of the said River marked with the Figures three and four; Then down the said River to the Tree first mentioned, Bounding Easterly on the said River, Southerly on a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Weathersfield; Westerly on a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Reading, and northerly on a Township known by the Name of Hertford. That the Petitioners and their Associates held the same by the said pretended Grant from the Government of New Hampshire, and Thinking their Title good settled about sixteen Families thereon, That they were willing and desirous to secure their Property, Possessions and Improvements by Holding the same under the Government of our said Province of New York, and to make further Settlements upon the said Tract, *And* therefore the Petitioners did in Behalf of themselves and their Associates humbly Pray that our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates, their Heirs and Assigns the said Tract of Land containing upwards of Twenty three Thousand and six Hundred Acres, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Windsor and vested with the same Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York had and did enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York our same Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent, that our said Lieutenant Governor, should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* the said Nathan Stone and our loving Subject William Swan in Behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[3] presented

1. Vol. 19, p. 155.
2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 21, p. 65.
3. Vol. 30, p. 100.

unto our trusty and wellbeloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twenty ninth Day of January now last past, Reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth, among other Things, in Substance, That since the above Proceedings the several Parties who were formerly associated with the Petitioners save Mary Stone the Wife of the Petitioner Nathan Stone had relinquished all their Right, Title and Interest to the said Lands, as by the Instruments in Writing presented with the said Petition might appear, And that the Petitioners and the Persons named in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed were the only Persons interested in the said Lands, And therefore the Petitioners did humbly Pray, that our Letters Patent so directed to issue as aforesaid might pass in the Names of the Petitioners and their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition, our same Council did humbly advise that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land called Windsor, our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should issue the same agreeable to the Proceedings aforesaid of the Twenty ninth Day of October One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty five But that instead of the Grantees therein mentioned or referred to, our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the Petitioners the said Nathan Stone and William Swan and of their Associates named in the Schedule to the said last recited Petition annexed; And that the several Shares of the said Tract of Land which by the pretended Grant or Charter from hte Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say; One Such Share for the Use of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises. A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Town, And one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Premises. That the Share of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire should remain vested in us, And that the whole of the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Windsor, with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Nathan Stone and William Swan, and for their Associates named in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Waldron Blaau, John Abeel, William Puntine, Michael Nan, John McGinnis, Richard McGinnis, Robert McGinnis, Patrick Walsh, James Abeel, Edward McCollom, Marinus Low, Edward Patten, Andries Riegler, George Klein, Thomas Lupton, Duncan Robertson, Samuel Stevens, John Pesinger, George Lucam, Francis Groome and James Cobham

All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of Windsor situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[4] on the West Bank of the said River at the Distance of five Hundred and six Chains and Twenty Links South from the South Bounds of the Township of Hertford[5], and this Tract runs from the said Place of Beginning North Seventy four Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then North six Degrees East four Hundred and Ninety four Chains; Then South Seventy four Degrees East along the said South Bounds of Hertford to Connecticut River; Then down along the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, *Containing* Twenty four Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, And Containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty three Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *One* of which said five Lots or Parcels of Land distinguished by the Name of the First Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* on the West Bank of Connecticut River at the Southeast Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract, of which this first Lot is a Part, and runs thence along the South Bounds of the said larger Tract North Seventy four Degrees West one Hundred and thirty six Chains; Then North sixteen Degrees East forty Chains; Then South Seventy four Degrees East *to* Connecticut River, and then down the West Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this first Lot began, Containing Five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And also* our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the following four Lots of Land Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say, *For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Part, All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins in the South Bounds of the above mentioned larger Tract at the South west Corner of the said first Lot; and runs thence along the said South Bounds North Seventy four Degrees West Seventy nine Chains; Then North sixteen Degrees East forty Chains; Then South Seventy four Degrees East Seventy nine Chains to the said first Lot; and then along the West Bounds of the said first

4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 17.

5. See p. 54 ante.

Zedekiah Stone was appointed Assistant Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace for Cumberland County in 1766.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 764-765.

"Colonel" Nathan Stone was appointed Assistant Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in 1768 and 1772; Justice of the Peace in 1766 and 1768, and Sheriff of the County in 1766 and 1767.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 764-766.

David Stone had served as a lieutenant in the "Rangers", and held the offices of Town Clerk and Sealer of Weights and Measures for Windsor in 1770.—The Birthplace of Vermont, Wardner, pp. 82 and 145.

Lot South sixteen Degrees West forty Chains to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the Third Lot, and which begins in the South Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Southwest Corner of the said second Lot, and runs thence along the said South Bounds North Seventy four Degrees West Seventy Chains; Then North sixteen Degrees East forty five Chains; Then South Seventy four Degrees East Seventy Chains to the fourth Lot herein after described, and then along Part of the West Bounds of the said fourth Lot and the West Bounds of the said second Lot, South sixteen Degrees West forty five Chains to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot and which begins at the Northwest Corner of the said second Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said second Lot South Seventy four Degrees East Seventy nine Chains to the fifth Lot herein after described; Then along the West Bounds of the said fifth Lot North sixteen Degrees East thirteen Chains and forty Links; Then North Seventy four Degrees West Seventy nine Chains; and then South sixteen Degrees West thirteen Chains and forty Links to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing one Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for the first settled Minister* of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot, and which begins at the Northwest Corner of the said first Lot; and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said first Lot South Seventy four Degrees East sixty three Chains; Then North Sixteen Degrees East fifty Chains; Then North Seventy four Degrees West sixty three Chains; and then South sixteen Degrees West fifty Chains, to the Place where this fifth Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract, and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twentieth Day of this Instant Month of March and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty four Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Nathan Stone and William Swan and the other Persons mentioned in the Schedule

aforesaid their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is hereinafter excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes, and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively; *Know ye,* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Nathan Stone, William Swan, Waldron Blaau, John Abeel, William Puntine, Michael Nan, John McGinnis, Richard McGinnis, Robert McGinnis, Patrick Walsh, James Abeel, Edward McCollom, Marinus Low, Edward Patten, Andries Riegler, George Klein, Thomas Lupton, Duncan Robertson, Samuel Stevens, John Pesinger, George Lucam, Francis Groome and James Cobham, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as here after is excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract: *For* the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established; *For* the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, and for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof: *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land, containing Five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted, bounded and described as aforesaid, and distinguished by the Name of the first Lot as aforesaid; *Together* with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, the same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty four Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land herein before described, and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted. *And also Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, *Our* Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve

Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law Established; for the sole benefit of the first settled minister in the township and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township in the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning, All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal three and twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Nathan Stone, William Swan, Waldron Blaau, John Abeel, William Puntine, Michael Nan, John McGinnis, Richard McGinnis, Robert McGinnis, Patrick Walsh, James Abeel, Edward McCollom, Marinus Low, Edward Patten, Andries Riegler, George Klein, Thomas Lupton, Duncan Robertson, Samuel Stevens, John Pesinger, George Lucam, Francis Groome and James Cobham their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and separate Use and Behoof respectively for ever, as Tenants in Common, and not as Joint Tenants, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, *All and singular* the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year forever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby

granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land Containing Twenty four Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Windsor* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our said Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty eighth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

NORBURY*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 213-216]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting; Whereas* our loving Subject Samuel Chandler and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the first Day of April which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven, did set forth among other Things in Substance, That there was a certain Tract of Land on the West Side of Connecticut River in our said Province lying to the Westward of a Tract of Land located by Lucius Ferdinand Carey and others; and bounded on the South, East, and North by vacant Lands; That no Part of the said Tract of Land had been granted to any of our Subjects, but that the whole thereof did remain vested in us, And that the Petitioners were willing and desirous to cultivate and improve the same; And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Acres of the Tract of vacant Land aforesaid, and that the same might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges; *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee, humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Samuel Chandler and the other Petitioners named in the said Petition and their Heirs, the Quantity of Thirty Thousand Acres of the Tract of vacant Land described in the said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions—*And Whereas* the said Samuel Chandler by his humble Petition[2] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twenty sixth Day of March now last past, reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the several Persons whose Names are inserted in the Schedule to the said last mentioned Petition annexed, were the only Persons then interested in the Lands so advised to be granted as aforesaid, and who in order to be enabled to sue out our Letters

* In the vicinity of the present townships of Worcester and Calais.

1. Vol. 22, p. 19.
2. Vol. 21, p. 43.

Patent for the said Tract of Land, had been at the sole Costs and Charges of Surveying and laying out thereof, And therefore the Petitioner in Behalf of himself and his Associates did humbly Pray that our Letters Patent for the same Tract of Land might issue in the Names of the several Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, And that the same Tract of Land might be erected into a Township by the Name of Norbury with the accustomed Privileges. *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition our said Council did humbly advise that our said last mentioned Captain General and Governor in Chief should issue our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land in the Names of the several Persons mentioned in the Schedule to the said last recited Petition annexed, and that the said Tract of Land might be erected into a Township by the Name of Norbury with the usual Privileges. *In Pursuance whereof* and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissi[on] appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the several Persons named in the Schedule aforesaid to wit Edmund Fanning, Charles Preston, William Bayard, James Duane, Archibald Kennedy, Jonathan Mallet, Andrew Elliot, Isaac Willet Junior, Thomas Moncrief, Goldsbrow Banyar, Andrew Gordon, Charles Williams, Samuel Wells, John Reid, Johnston Fairholme, James Moran, John Kelly, Samuel Stevens, Crean Brush, Joseph Blanchard, John Bowles, Simon Stevens, Benjamin John Johnson, Christopher Blundell, John Grumly, Joshua Littlewood, Francis Panton, Malcolm M[c]Isaac, John Hodges and Moses Marden, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the North East Corner of a Tract of Twenty two Thousand Acres of Land granted to Francis Stephens and his Associates and erected into a Township by the Name of Truro[4]; and runs thence Along the Bounds of the said Tract of Land North sixty Degrees West six Hundred and sixty Chains; Then North thirty Degrees East four Hundred and seventy eight Chains; Then South Sixty Degrees East six Hundred and sixty Chains; and then South thirty Degrees West four Hundred and seventy eight Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Con-

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 99.

4. See p. 303 ante.

For note on Edmund Fanning, see p. 486 post.

Probably Captain Samuel Chandler of Woodstock, Connecticut, a brother of Colonel Thomas Chandler.—History of Woodstock, Conn., Bowen, III, pp. 314-315; The Chandler Family, Hamilton Press, pp. 130-131.

The following excerpts taken from a memorial of Colonel Thomas Chandler of Chester, dated December 1766 relative to the names contained in the first petition above cited, is found in vol. 22, p. 137:

". . . . Although there is so many of my name in the petition yet there is none of my sones included therein. I have two brothers and several Remote Relatives and friends that have Large Families and want land to Settle their sons on . . . . one of the men John Chandler has eight sons and the rest of the Petitioners many . . ."

Fifteen of the 29 petitioners bore the family name of Chandler.

taining Thirty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, And have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of March now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear—*Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know ye* therefore, that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Edmund Fanning, Charles Preston, William Bayard, James Duane, Archibald Kennedy, Jonathan Mallet, Andrew Elliot, Isaac Willet Junior, Thomas Moncrief, Goldsbrow Banyar, Andrew Gordon, Charles Williams, Samuel Wells, John Reid, Johnston Fairholme, James Moran, John Kelly, Samuel Stevens, Crean Brush, Joseph Blanchard, John Bowles, Simon Stevens, Benjamin John Johnson, Christopher Blundell, John Grumly, Joshua Littlewood, Francis Panton, Malcom M^{c}Isaac, John Hodges, and Moses Marden their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirtieth Part (The whole into Thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants; *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain.

Yielding, Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Norbury* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof, in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

WEATHERSFIELD—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 219-226]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers *Instruments* under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted, and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Weathersfield. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Phineas Lyman by his humble Petition[1] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Seventeenth Day of October which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, did set forth, among other Things in Substance that there was a certain Tract of Land within our said Province of New York lying upon the western Bank of Connecticut River, *Beginning* at the Southeast Corner of the Township of Windsor, Thence running North Seventy eight Degrees West six Miles; Thence West Seventy eight Degrees South to the North west Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Springfield; Thence Southeasterly along the northern Boundary of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Springfield to Connecticut River, and thence northerly as the said River runs to the Place of Beginning. That the said Tract of Land had been theretofore granted by the then Governor of New Hampshire to the Petitioner and others by the Name of the Township of Weathersfield. In Faith whereof the Petitioner with the other Persons interested therein, had made considerable Improvements and Settlements thereon, and were willing and desirous to compleat the Settlement thereof: And therefore the Petitioner did humby pray a Grant of the said Tract of Land to himself and his Associates, *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General

1. Vol. 22, pp. 4-6 contain the petition of Phineas Lyman et al, dated October 17, 1766, together with other documents relating to the grant of Weathersfield.

and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Phineas Lyman and the other Persons mentioned in the said Report and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, *Except* the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth, Theodore Atkinson, John Nelson, Mark H. Wentworth, John Wentworth, H Hall Wentworth, Wiseman Clagget, Theodore Atkinson Junior, John Nelson Merchant and William Kennedy, which having no Improvement made thereon were to remain vested in us, And that the several Shares of the said Tract which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, One such Share for the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises. A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Town, And one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Premises. And that the whole of the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Weathersfield with the usual Privileges. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects Daniel Lyman, Medad Lyman, Enos Allen, James Rice, Roswell Woodward, Abraham Thompson, Abraham Thompson Junior, Samuel Bishop Junior, John Mix, John Pierpoint, John Bradley Junior, Phineas Bradley, John Cornall, Lemuel Hotchkiss, Jonah Bradley, Hezekiah Parmele Junior, John Austin, Israel Monson, Joel Gilbert, Joseph Thompson, Caleb Gilbert, and Joseph Dorman, by their humble Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the fifth Day of February now last past, did set forth among other Things in Substance that sundry of the Persons whose Names are mentioned in the said Report and to whom the said Tract of Land was so advised to be granted as aforesaid are since deceased, And that others of them had disposed of their Interest therein, And therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray that our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land might issue in the Names of them the said Petitioners, And that the Shares and Proportion of the said Tract of Land so directed as aforesaid to remain vested in us (Except the Share of the said Benning Wentworth since granted to Lieutenant Thomas Etherington)[3] might be included in our said Letters Patent. *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition our said Council did humby advise that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract

2. Vol. 30, p. 103.
3. Vol. 31, p. 23.

of Land our said last mentioned Governor should issue the same agreeable to the Order and Proceedings on the said first recited Petition; But that instead of the Grantees to whom the said Tract was thereby advised or intended to be granted, our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the Petitioners in the said last recited Petition mentioned: *And* that the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land so formerly allotted to the Persons above named and directed to remain vested in us, as aforesaid (Except the Share of the said Benning Wentworth) should be included in our said Letters Patent and granted to the Petitioners for the Benefit of the present Owners thereof. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for them the said Daniel Lyman, Medad Lyman, Enos Allen, James Rice, Roswell Woodward, Abraham Thompson, Abraham Thompson Junior, Samuel Bishop Junior, John Mix, John Pierpoint, John Bradley Junior, Phineas Bradley, John Cornall, Lemuel Hotchkiss, Jonah Bradley, Hezekiah Parmele Junior, John Austin, Israel Monson, Joel Gilbert, Joseph Thompson, Caleb Gilbert, and Joseph Dorman, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of Weathersfield situate, lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[4] on the West Bank of Connecticut River at the South East Corner of the Township of Windsor[5], and runs thence along the Southernmost Bounds of Windsor North Seventy four Degrees West four Hundred and Eighty Chains; Then South twelve Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains to a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Springfield[6]; Then along the Northernmost Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land South Seventy eight Degrees East four Hundred and eighty Chains to Connecticut River; Then Northerly along the western Bank of the said River as it winds and turns to the South East Corner of Windsor where this Tract began, Containing Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, including a Tract of Five Hundred Acres of Land granted to the aforesaid Lieutenant Thomas Etherington, and Containing exclusive of the said Tract, and of the four Lots of Land herein after described, the Quantity of Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And also* our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the follow-

4. Return of survey, with map, Vol. 31, p. 86.
5. See p. 328 ante.
6. See p. 361. post.

An earlier petition of Phineas Lyman et al, dated September 28, 1765, is mentioned in the Calendar of the N. Y. Land Papers as being in vol. 19 at page 171, but it is no longer there. [Ed.]

Phineas Lyman of Northampton, Massachusetts, was a prominent lawyer.—Lyman Genealogy; Jones, Vermont in the Making, p. 105.

ing four Lots of Land, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say, For the Use of the *Incorporated* Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot, and which begins at the North West Corner of the said larger Tract, of which this Lot is a Part, and runs thence along the Westernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract South twelve Degrees West forty One Chains and two Rods; Then South Seventy eight Degrees East Eighty two Chains; Then North twelve Degrees East Thirty five Chains and two Rods to the Northernmost Bounds of the above mentioned larger Tract, and then along the last mentioned Bounds North Seventy four Degrees West Eighty two Chains to the Place where this first Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins in the Westernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract at the South West Corner of the above mentioned first Lot, and runs thence along the said Westernmost Bounds South twelve Degrees West thirty eight Chains and two Rods, Then South Seventy eight Degrees East Eighty two Chains; Then North twelve Degrees East thirty eight Chains and two Rods to the above mentioned first Lot, and then along the Southernmost Bounds of the said first Lot North seventy eight Degrees West Eighty two Chains to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the first settled Minister of the Gospel* on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the Third Lot and which begins in the Northernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northeast Corner of the above mentioned first Lot, and runs thence along the Easternmost Bounds of the said first Lot South Twelve Degrees West thirty five Chains and two Rods; Then South Seventy eight Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North twelve Degrees East Twenty eight Chains and two Rods to the Northernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract, and then along the last mentioned Bounds North Seventy four Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot, and which begins in the Northernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northeast Corner of the above mentioned third Lot and runs thence along the Easternmost Bounds of the said third Lot South twelve Degrees West Twenty eight Chains and two Rods; Then South Seventy eight Degrees East forty Chains; Then North twelve Degrees East Twenty five Chains to the Northernmost Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the last mentioned Bounds North Seventy

four Degrees West forty Chains to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing one Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the Several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable acres, And have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions; As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the thirteenth Day of this Instant Month of April and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Petitioners mentioned in the last recited Petition their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is hereinafter excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Daniel Lyman, Medad *Lyman,* Enos Allen, James Rice, Roswell Woodward, Abraham Thompson, Abraham Thompson Junior, Samuel Bishop Junior, John Mix, John Pierpoint, John Bradley Junior, Phineas Bradley, John Cornall, Lemuel Hotchkiss, Jonah Bradley, Hezekiah Parmele Junior, John Austin, Israel Monson, Joel Gilbert, Joseph Thompson, Caleb Gilbert and Joseph Dorman their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted, bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including All those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract, *For* the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established. *For* the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, And for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof,

Except and always reserved out of this our present Grant *All* that the aforesaid certain Tract or Parcel of Land, Containing five Hundred Acres herein before mentioned to be granted unto Lieutenant Thomas Etherington, together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging. The same Tract or Parcel of Land being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land herein before described and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted *And also except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal two and Twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest Residue and Remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Daniel Lyman, Medad Lyman, Enos Allen, James Rice, Roswell Woodward, Abraham Thompson, Abraham Thompson Junior, Samuel Bishop Junior, John Mix, John Pierpoint, John Bradley Junior, Phineas Bradley, John Cornall, Lemuel Hotchkiss, Jonah Bradley, Hezekiah Parmele Junior, John Austin, Israel Monson, Joel Gilbert, Joseph Thompson, Caleb Gilbert, and Joseph Dorman their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, *And* to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *All* and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and com-

mon Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Day [*sic*] the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the said large Tract, Containing Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned, and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, and by the Name of *Weathersfield* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follows provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settleing families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* Moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire, our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chan-

cellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

NEW FANE—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 230-237]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting. Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River, *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of New Fane. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Giles Alexander Attorney of Luke Brown and his Associates by his humble Petition[1] in Behalf of his said Constituents presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twenty eighth Day of January which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven, did set forth, among other Things in Substance, That by certain Letters Patent under the Seal of the Province of New Hampshire bearing Date the third Day of November one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty one there was granted unto the said Luke Brown and the several other Persons therein named, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land by the Name of New Fane situate and being on the West Side of Connecticut River, Containing Twenty three Thousand and forty Acres and to comprehend six Miles Square and no more. *Beginning* at a Stake and Stones five Hundred Rods East ten Degrees South by the Needle from the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Marlborough, and from thence running six Miles North Twenty Degrees East by the Needle to a Stake and Stones, from thence West ten Degrees North by the Needle to a Stake and Stones; from thence South Twenty Degrees West by the Needle six Miles to the North Side of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Marlborough aforesaid, Thence by the Line of the said Tract of Land known

1. Vol. 22, p. 150.

by the Name of Marlborough East ten Degrees South to the North-east Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Marlborough; from thence continuing that Course to the Stake and Stones first above mentioned; That the said Luke Brown and *His* Associates being intitled to the said Tract of Land under the said Letters Patent and divers mesne Conveyances, settled and improved the same, and never doubted but that they had a legal Title thereto until the same was adjudged by our Royal Order in Council of the Twentieth Day of July one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty four to fall within the Limits of our Province of New York, That the Petitioners Constituents had been at great Charges and Expences in Purchasing settling and Improving the said Tract of Land, And therefore the said Petitioner did humbly Pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our Province of New York to confirm unto the Petitioners Constituents the aforesaid Tract of Land, and to erect the same into a Township by the Name of New Fane, with the like Immunities, Liberties and Privileges as are granted to other Townships within our said Province of New York. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent, that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to our loving Subjects Jacob Hallet, Charles Morse and Twenty two other Persons whose Names are mentioned in the said Report, the Tract of Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; *Except* the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Daniel Warner, Mark Hunking Wentworth and Theodore Atkinson, which having no Improvement made thereon, were to remain vested in us, And that the several Shares of the said Tract which by the said pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire, were intended for public Uses, should be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, One such Share for the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, A like Share as a Glebe, for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises—A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Town, And one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Premises, And that the whole of the said Tract be by our said Letters Patent erected into a Township by the Name of New Fane with the usual Privileges. *And Whereas* the said Giles Alexander by his humble Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said

2. Vol. 30, p. 98.

Province of New York on the Twenty ninth Day of January now last past, Reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth in Substance, that it would be very inconvenient to the Persons interested in the said Lands that our Letters Patent should issue in the Names mentioned in the Report aforesaid by Reason of the Death of some and the Removal of others of the said Persons to Places far distant. And therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our Letters Patent for the said Lands might issue in the Names of the Persons mentioned in the said Petition last recited instead of the Persons mentioned and intended as Grantees in and by the Report and Proceedings aforesaid.—*On* due Consideration of which said Petition our same Council did humbly advise that instead of the Grantees mentioned in the said Report, our Letters Patent should issue in the Names of Walter Franklin, Giles Alexander, John Thompson, John Franklin, Jacob Watson, Thomas Franklin Junior, John Murray, James Franklin, Joshua Watson, Joseph Bull, Peter Bard, Isaac Corsa, Samuel Franklin, Robert Bowne, Lawrence Kortright, Teddeman Hull, James Bowne, Anthony Byvanck, Robert Benson, Lindley Murray and William Backhouse; That the Share of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire should remain vested in us, And that the several Proportions and Shares of the said Tract formerly Allotted to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Theodore Atkinson and Daniel Warner, which were by the Report and Proceedings aforesaid directed to remain vested in us, should be included in the Grant of the said Tract of Land. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Walter Franklin, Giles Alexander, John Thompson, John Franklin, Jacob Watson, Thomas Franklin Junior, John Murray, James Franklin, Joshua Watson, Joseph Bull, Peter Bard, Isaac Corsa, Samuel Franklin, Robert Bowne, Lawrence Kortright, Teddeman Hull, James Bowne, Anthony Byvanck, Robert Benson, Lindley Murray, and William Backhouse *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of New Fane situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at a Stake and Heap of Stones erected at the Distance of One

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 131.

For an earlier petition for a confirmatory patent for New Fane see vol. 19, p. 90, which was preceded by a letter of Ebenezer Morse in behalf of the proprietors under the New Hampshire charter, vol. 18, p. 168. See also petition of Luke Knoulton and John Taylor for two strips of land lying within the township of New Fane, together with copy of Field Book and a letter of surveyor Samuel Gale, accompanied by a sketch map, etc., vol. 35, pp. 110, 127.

Giles Alexander, of Boston, "sometime post rider between that town and Portsmouth", acted as agent for the New Hampshire proprietors of Newfane in obtaining their New York confirmatory patent. On May 12, 1772, the day following the date of this patent, Walter Franklin and the other patentees, deeded the township to Luke Knowlton of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, and John Taylor, of Northborough, Massachusetts,—who in turn reconveyed the land to the New Hampshire proprietors or purchasers under them.—Vermont in the Making, Jones, pp. 111-112; 124, 125.

Hundred and twenty Chains measured on a Course South twenty Degrees West from the Place where the South Branch of West River unites with the said River, and this Tract runs from the said Stake and Heap of Stones North twenty Degrees East four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; and then South Eighty Degrees East four Hundred and eighty Chains to the Place where this Tract began, *Containing* Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways and containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *One* of which said five Lots of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, Begins at the Northeast Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract of which this fifth Lot is a Part, and runs thence North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then South Twenty Degrees West fifty two Chains and one Rod; Then South Eighty Degrees East one Hundred Chains and then North twenty Degrees East fifty two Chains and one Rod to the Place where this fifth Lot began, Containing Five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned the following four Lots of Land, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say, *For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot, and which begins at the Distance of two Hundred and Sixty four Chains measured on a Course North Seventy Degrees West from the Place where the South Branch of West River unites with the said River, and this Lot runs from the said Place of Beginning South twenty Degrees West fifteen Chains; Then North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North Twenty Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South Eighty Degrees East one Hundred Chains, and then South Twenty Degrees West sixteen Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the above mentioned first Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said first Lot North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North twenty Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South eighty Degrees East one Hundred Chains, and then South Twenty Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods, to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *For the first settled*

Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the above mentioned second Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said second Lot North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North twenty Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South Eighty Degrees East one Hundred Chains, and then South twenty Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And for the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the above mentioned third Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said third Lot North Eighty Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North twenty Degrees East ten Chains and two Rods; Then South Eighty Degrees East one Hundred Chains, and then South Twenty Degrees West ten Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fourth Lot began, *Containing* One Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in Setting out the said larger Tract, and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not exend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty second Day of February now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Giles Alexander and the other Persons mentioned in the last recited Petition their Heirs and Assigns for ever, (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Walter Franklin, Giles Alexander, John Thompson, John Franklin, Jacob Watson, Thomas Franklin Junior, John Murray, James Franklin, Joshua Watson, Joseph Bull, Peter Bard, Isaac Corsa, Samuel Franklin, Robert Bowne, Lawrence Kortright, Teddeman Hull, James Bowne, Anthony Byvanck, Robert Benson, Lindley Murray and William Backhouse their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted, bounded and

described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including all those the afore mentioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, For a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established; For the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Larger Tract, And for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or Appertaining. *And also* all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof. *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted, bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot as aforesaid, Together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging. The same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land herein before described, and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted: *And also* Except and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All Mines of Gold and Silver,* and also all white *or* other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever. To for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes hereinafter expressed limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever that is to say,

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And as for and concerning All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal one and Twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty one equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Walter Franklin, Giles Alexander, John Thompson, John Franklin, Jacob Watson, Thomas Franklin Junior, John Murray, James Franklin, Joshua Watson, Joseph Bull, Peter Bard, Isaac Corsa, Samuel Franklin, Robert Bowne, Lawrence Kortright, Teddeman Hull, James Bowne, Anthony Byvanck, Robert Benson, Lindley Murray and William Backhouse their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *All* and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* we do of our special Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land Containing Twenty one Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of New Fane for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our said Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining And that a Docquet thereof shall be

also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and wellbeloved William Tryon Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort—in our City of New York the Eleventh Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

READING—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 240-247]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth; *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting; *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Reading. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects Simon Stevens, Joel Stone and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Sixteenth Day of April which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven did

1. Vol. 23, p. 56.

set forth, among other Things, that there was a certain Tract of Land situate in the County of Cumberland in our Province of New York called by the Name of *Reading Beginning* at the South West Corner of Windsor, from thence Running West sixteen Degrees North six Miles to the Southeast corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Saltash; Then North Eleven Degrees East six Miles and three Quarters of a Mile to the North East Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Saltash; Then East twenty three Degrees South five Miles and one half Mile to the Northwest Corner of Windsor; Then South six Degrees West six Miles and fifty six Rods to the Southwest Corner of Windsor aforesaid, That the Petitioners and their Associates were the Owners and Proprietors of the same, That they held the same Tract under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, and that the same Tract was then declared to be within our Province of New York, *And* therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray, that in Consideration of their Case, our said Captain General *and* Governor in Chief would by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioners and their Associates, their Heirs and Assigns the Tract of Land aforesaid containing about Twenty three Thousand Acres, And that the said Tract might be erected into a Township by the Name of Reading and vested with the same Powers and Privileges that other Towns in our said Province of New York had and do enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioners and the other Persons mentioned in the said Report and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, Except the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth, Wiseman Clagget, Daniel Warner and Samuel Wentworth, which having no Improvement made thereon were to remain vested in us, And that the several Shares of the said Tract which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses should be granted in Trust as follows that is to say—*One* such Share for the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises. A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract, and one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the same Tract, And that the whole of the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Reading with the usual Privileges *And Whereas* the said Simon Stevens and others in Behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto

2. Vol. 30, p. 106.

our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our said Council on the fifth Day of February now last past, reciting the Proceedings aforesaid, did set forth in Substance, that sundry of the Persons whose Names are mentioned in the said Report, and to whom the said Tract of Land was so advised to be granted as aforesaid have relinquished their Interest therein, and therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray that our Letters Patent for the said Tract of land might issue in the Names of the Petitioners and of their Associates mentioned in the Schedule to the said last recited Petition annexed, And that the before mentioned Rights or Shares of the said Wiseman Clagget, Daniel Warner and Samuel Wentworth might be included in our said Letters Patent. *On* due Consideration of which said last recited Petition, our said Council did humbly advise that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land, our said last mentioned Governor should issue the same agreeable to the order and Proceedings on the said first recited Petition: But that instead of the Grantees therein mentioned our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the Petitioners in the said last recited Petition mentioned and of their Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid: *And* that the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to the said Wiseman Clagget, Daniel Warner and Samuel Wentworth should be granted by our Letters Patent for the Benefit of the present owners thereof. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Simon Stevens and the other Persons mentioned in the said last recited Petition and in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, George Wilson, Cornelius Vandenbergh, George Shaw, William Bailey, Garret Vandenbergh, Rinier Hopper, Richard Varian, Thomas Arden, Daniel Goldsmith, Caleb Hyatt, John Stout, James Wessels, Waldron Blaau, Obadiah Wells, Henry Gulick, John Brook, Samuel Stevens, Isaac Corsa, Marinus Willet, James Cobham and William Kennedy, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of *Reading* situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Southwest Corner of a certain Tract of Land erected into a Township by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our Province of New York by the Name of Windsor[4], and runs thence North Seventy

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 24.
4. See p. 328 ante.

A prior petition of Joshua Willard and others is found in vol. 19, p. 135, and a caveat of Nathaniel Partridge against granting the township in vol. 21, p. 141.

Simon Stevens of Springfield, held the following offices under the government of New York: Constable; and Captain of the 8th Company of Foot in Col. Thomas Chandler's Regiment, in 1766; justice of the peace in 1768, 1772 and 1782; First

four Degrees West four Hundred and Eighty Chains; Then North twelve Degrees East five Hundred and fifty seven Chains; Then South sixty five Degrees East four Hundred and forty Chains to the Northwest Corner of the said Township of Windsor, and then along the West Bounds of the said Township of Windsor South six Degrees West four Hundred and Ninety four Chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land began, Containing Twenty two Thousand and three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, And Containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty Thousand and eight Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *One* of which said Lots or Parcels of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* at the Northwest Corner of the said large Tract of which this Lot is a Part, and runs thence along the West Bounds of the said large Tract South twelve Degrees West fifty two Chains and two Rods; Then South sixty five Degrees East One Hundred Chains; Then North twelve Degrees East fifty two Chains and two Rods to the North Bounds of the said large Tract; and then along the said North Bounds North sixty five Degrees West One Hundred Chains to the Place where this fifth Lot began, Containing Five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the following four Lots of Land Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid that is to say, *For* the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot and which begins at the Distance of three Hundred and two Chains measured on a Course North Twenty nine Degrees and thirty Minutes West from the Southwest Corner of the Township of Windsor, and runs from the said Place of Beginning North Seventy four Degrees West One Hundred Chains; Then North six Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South Seventy four Degrees East one Hundred Chains; and then South six Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways.—*For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot and which begins at the North East Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said first Lot North Seventy

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Lieutenant of a Company of Rangers in July, 1776; Brigade Major of Cumberland, Gloucester and Charlotte Counties' Minute Men Brigade, in May, 1776; Delegate to the Provincial Congress and Convention of the State of New York, (elected by the people), July, 1776.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 135, 267, 765, 767, 772.

Joel Stone was appointed constable for Windsor in 1766, by the justices of the peace for Cumberland County, and thus became Windsor's first officer.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, p. 135; Birthplace of Vermont, Wardner, p. 82.

four Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North six Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; then South Seventy four Degrees East one Hundred Chains; and then South six Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this second Lot began Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the first settled Minister* of the Gospel on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which begins at the North East Corner of the said second Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said second Lot North Seventy four Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North six Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South Seventy four Degrees East one Hundred Chains; and then South six Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot, and which begins at the North East Corner of the said third Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said third Lot North Seventy four Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North *Six* Degrees East ten Chains and two Rods; Then South Seventy four Degrees East One Hundred Chains; and then South six Degrees West ten Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing One Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Eighth Day of this Instant Month of May and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty two Thousand and three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Simon Stevens, and the other Persons mentioned in the last recited Petition their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and appointments, and under the several Reservations Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, *And* do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Simon Stevens, George Wilson, Cornelius Vandenbergh, George Shaw, William Bailey, Garret Vanden-

bergh, Rinier Hopper, Richard Varian, Thomas Arden, Daniel Goldsmith, Caleb Hyatt, John Stout, James Wessels, Waldron Blaau, Obadiah Wells, Henry Gulick, John Brook, Samuel Stevens, Isaac Corsa, Marinus Willet, James Cobham and William Kennedy, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted, bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract, For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, For a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, *For* the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, And for the Use of a School Master residing on the said larger Tract, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining; *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land containing Five Hundred Acres, with the usual Allowance for Highways herein beforementioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot as aforesaid, together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, the same Lot being included within the Bounds and limits of the larger Tract of Twenty two Thousand and three Hundred Acres of Land herein before described, and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted. *And also except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth *for* Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

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And as for and concerning all the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal two and twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Simon Stevens, George Wilson, Cornelius Vandenbergh, George Shaw, William Bailey, Garret Vandenbergh, Rinior Hopper, Richard Varian, Thomas Arden, Daniel Goldsmith, Caleb Hyatt, John Stout, James Wessels, Waldron Blaau, Obadiah Wells, Henry Gulick, John Brook, Samuel Stevens, Isaac Corsa, Marinus Willet, James Cobham and William Kennedy, their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, *All and singular* the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And We do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect, and constitute the said large Tract of Land containing Twenty two Thousand and three Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain and by the Name of Reading for ever hereafter to be called and known.

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our said Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be *also* entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed, *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire, our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same: at our Fort in our City of New York the Twentieth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

SPRINGFIELD—A Confirmatory Patent

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 247-257]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Springfield. *And Whereas* our

loving Subjects Gideon Lyman and Joseph Little by their humble Petition[1] in Behalf of themselves and their Associates presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the fifth Day of December which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, did set forth among other Things in Substance, that there was a certain Tract of Land within our said Province of New York, formerly deemed to be within the Government of New Hampshire lying upon the Western Bank of Connecticut River, *Beginning* at the Northeasterly Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Rockingham at a Stake and Stones near the Bank of Connecticut River in Hickup Meadow[2]; Thence up the River Northerly as the River runs til it comes opposite to the northeasterly Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Charles Town; Thence North Seventy eight Degrees West six Miles; Then South about Twenty nine Degrees West to the North West Corner of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Rockingham; Thence Easterly by the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Rockingham to the Place of *Beginning* containing about Twenty Thousand Acres of Land Which Tract of Land had been granted by the Governor of New Hampshire to the Petitioners and others by the Name of the Township of Springfield. That in Faith of the said Grant the Petitioners with the other Persons interested therein had made considerable Improvements and Settlements thereon, and were willing and desirous to compleat the Settlement thereof, And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray a Grant of the said Tract of Land called Springfield to them and their Associates. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to Gideon Lyman Esquire and the other Persons named in the said Report and their Heirs, the Tract of Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; Except the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire, James Apthorpe, John Gould and Henry Hilson, which having no Improvement made thereon, were to remain vested in us, And that the several Shares of the said Tract which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses, should be laid out adjoining to each other and granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, One such Share for the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; A like Share for

1. Vol. 19, p. 132.
2. Hickup Meadow was opposite old Fort Number Four.

a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises; A like Share for the Use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract, And one Hundred Acres thereof for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said Tract; And that the whole of the said Tract of Land should by our Letters Patent be erected into a Township by the Name of Springfield with the usual Privileges. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects, Richard Morris and John Barret in Behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[3] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twenty sixth Day of March now last past, reciting the Proceedings aforesaid, did set forth among other Things in Substance, that they the Petitioners were largely interested in the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Springfield by Virtue of sundry Conveyances. That the Persons to whom the said Tract of Land was so ordered to be granted as aforesaid reside out of our said Province of New York, and that it would be attended with great Trouble to procure them to take the necessary Steps therein: And therefore the said Petitioners did humbly pray that our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land might be ordered to issue to the several Persons in the said last recited Petition mentioned, And that the Rights reserved by the said Order might with the rest be granted for the Benefit of the Proprietors thereof under the pretended Grant of the Government of New Hampshire; *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition our said Council did humbly advise, that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land, our said last mentioned Governor should issue the same agreeable to the Order and Proceedings on the said first recited Petition; but that instead of the Grantees mentioned in the Report of the Committee aforesaid, our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the several Persons mentioned as Grantees in the said last recited Petition, And that the Shares of the said Tract of Land directed to remain vested in us as aforesaid be granted by our said Letters Patent, Except the Proportion of Benning Wentworth Esquire which since the Proceedings on the said first recited Petition hath been granted by our Letters Patent under the Seal of our said Province of New York to Lieutenant Thomas Etherington. *And Whereas* it was afterwards on the Eighth Day of April now last past ordered by our said last mentioned Governor with the Advice of our said Council, that certain other Persons whose Names are mentioned in the said Order[4], should be inserted as Grantees in our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the

3. Vol. 31, p. 23.
4. Vol. 31, p. 76.

Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the several Persons mentioned in the said last recited Petition and Order, to wit, Charles Shaw, William Sidney, Gabriel H. Ludlow, Richard Hatfield, Richard Morris, William Wickham, Thomas White, Stephen Steel, Samuel Jones, Benjamin Kissam, John Barret, Jasper Drake, Cornelius Van Alen, James Armitage, Jacob Parcel, Anthony Gleen, Gilbert Taylor, John M^cKesson, Lewis Graham, Miles Sherbrook, Thomas Ludlow the Younger, Carey Ludlow, Patrick Dennis, Thomas Smith, Peter Goelet, Thomas Duncan and Rudolphus Ritzoma, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[5] at a black Ash Tree standing on the West Bank of Connecticut River formerly marked with the Letters *T L S K* (from which said Tree the old Fort on the East Side of Connecticut River known by the Name of Number[6] Four bears South Eighty six Degrees East) and running from the said Ash Tree North Eighty Degrees West four Hundred and fifty five Chains to the Township of Chester[7]; Then along the East Bounds of the said Township of Chester North ten Degrees East five Hundred and Seventy two Chains; Then South Seventy eight Degrees East five Hundred and fifty seven Chains to Connecticut River; Then Southward down along the said River as it winds and turns to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Twenty eight Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, Including a Tract of Five Hundred Acres of Land granted to the aforesaid Lieutenant Thomas Etherington, And Containing exclusive of the said Tract and of the four Lots of Land herein after described the Quantity of Twenty six Thousand and four Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And also* our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the following four Lots of Land, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say, *For* the Use of the *Incorporated Society* for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot, and which begins at the South west

5. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 46.
6. Fort Number Four was in the present village of Charlestown, N. H.
7. See p. 43 ante.

Several very interesting documents pertaining to the township of Springfield are to be found in vol. 18, p. 96; vol. 19, p. 131; vol. 22, pp. 6, 95, 99; vol. 31, pp. 61, 62, 145-151.

Gideon Lyman was born in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1758, and settled in Weathersfield about 1780. Died in Susquehanna County, Pa., in 1824.—Lyman Genealogy

Richard Morris, jurist, was appointed Chief Justice of the New York Superior Court in 1779. In 1769 he was Judge of the Vice Admiralty.—Dictionary of American Biography; Eastern Vermont, Hall, p. 147.

John Barrett came to Springfield in 1772; appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Upper Regiment of Cumberland County Militia in 1776.—History of Springfield, Hubbard and Dartt.

Corner of the said larger Tract of which this Lot is a Part; and runs thence along the East Bounds of the Township of Chester North ten Degrees East sixty five Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East sixty five Chains; Then South ten Degrees West sixty five Chains to the South Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the said South Bounds North Eighty Degrees West sixty five Chains to the Place where this first Lot began, Containing four Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins in the East Bounds of the Township of Chester at the North West Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the said East Bounds of the said Township of Chester North Ten Degrees East Sixty five Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East sixty five Chains; Then South ten Degrees West Sixty five Chains to the North Bounds of the said first Lot, and then along the said North Bounds North Eighty Degrees West sixty five Chains to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing Four Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the first settled Minister of the Gospel* on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which Begins in the East Bounds of the Township of Chester at the North West Corner of the said second Lot, and runs thence along the said East Bounds of the said Township of Chester North ten Degrees East sixty five Chains; Then South Eighty Degrees East sixty five Chains; Then South ten Degrees West sixty five Chains to the North Bounds of the said second Lot, And then along the said North Bounds North Eighty Degrees West Sixty five Chains to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing four Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot, and which begins in the East Bounds of the Township of Chester at the North West Corner of the said third Lot, and runs thence along the said East Bounds of the said Township of Chester North ten Degrees East sixteen Chains and twenty Links; Then South Eighty Degrees East Sixty five Chains; Then South ten Degrees West sixteen Chains and Twenty Links to the North Bounds of the said third Lot, and then along the said North Bounds North eighty Degrees West sixty five Chains to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing One Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres; and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the twenty

fifth Day of April now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty eight Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Richard Morris and John Barret and the other Persons mentioned in the last recited Petition and Order their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Charles Shaw, William Sidney, Gabriel H. Ludlow, Richard Hatfield, Richard Morris, William Wickham, Thomas White, Stephen Steel, Samuel Jones, Benjamin Kissam, John Barret, Jasper Drake, Cornelius Van Alen, James Armitage, Jacob Parcel, Anthony Gleen, Gilbert Taylor, John M^cKesson, Lewis Graham, Miles Sherbrook, Thomas Ludlow the Younger, Carey Ludlow, Patrick Dennis, Thomas Smith, Peter Goelet, Thomas Duncan, and Rudolphus Ritzema their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted, bounded, and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereafter is excepted) and including All those the afore mentioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, For a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, For the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, And for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof, *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant All that the aforesaid certain Tract or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred Acres herein before mentioned to be granted unto Lieutenant Thomas Etherington, together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, the same Tract or Parcel of Land being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty

eight Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land herein before described and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted. *And also Except* and always reserved out of *this* our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns for ever To for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty seventh Part (the whole into Twenty seven equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder, and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Charles Shaw, William Sidney, Gabriel H. Ludlow, Richard Hatfield, Richard Morris, William Wickham, Thomas White, Stephen Steel, Samuel Jones, Benjamin Kissam, John Barret, Jasper Drake, Cornelius Van Alen, James Armitage, Jacob Parcel, Anthony Gleen, Gilbert Taylor, John McKesson, Lewis Graham, Miles Sherbrook, Thomas Ludlow the Younger, Carey Ludlow, Patrick Dennis, Thomas Smith, Peter Goelet, Thomas Duncan, and Rudolphus Ritzema their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, *All* and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent, within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or

their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create, erect and constitute the said large Tract Containing Twenty eight Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Springfield* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and We do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the twenty fifth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

CHARLES NICOLL'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 258-260]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subjects Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicock, Evert *Bancker* and Isaac Heron by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Nineteenth Day of June now last past, did set forth, that there was a Parcel of vacant Land which they the said Petitioners were desirous to improve then situate in the County of Albany, but now in the County of Charlotte on the North End and upon the East Side of a Lake which lays about twelve Miles East of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain, and to the Westward of Socialborough, Containing four Thousand Acres, for which they humbly prayed our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant them our Letters Patent as Tenants in Common in Fee on the usual Terms. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief, should, by our Letters Patent, grant to the said Petitioners and their Heirs the Tract of Land in their said Petition described under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker and Isaac Heron, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte within our Province of New York to the Eastward of the Waters running from Wood Creek into Lake Champlain and to the Westward of Socialborough[2], and Northward and Eastward of a Lake; *Beginning*[3] at a small Beach Tree marked with the Letters and Figures *W C 1767* standing by the North Side of a large forked Basswood Tree, and on the westerly Side of a Piece of Flatt Land through which a Brook runs into said Lake; and runs from the said Beech Tree North thirty Chains; Then East one Hundred and sixty Chains;

* Located in present Hubbardton.

1. Vol. 29, p. 86.
2. See p. 208 ante.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 116.

Charles Nicoll of New York was arrested and sent to Connecticut; released on parole.—Loyalists of the American Revolution, Sabine, II, p. 120.

Evert Bancker was Provincial Barrackmaster.—Calendar Council Minutes, pp. 493, 503.

Then South two Hundred and twenty Chains; Then West two Hundred and thirty two Chains; Then North Ninety three Chains, and then North thirty six Degrees East one Hundred and twenty two Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Excepting such Part of the above mentioned Lake as is included within the said Bounds, and Containing exclusive of the said Lake Four Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways; *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the fifth Day of this Instant Month of May and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear: *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petioners [sic], their Heirs and Assigns for ever. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker and Isaac Heron their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof; *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *And* also Except out of this our present Grant such Part of the said Lake as is included within the Bounds of the said Tract of Land hereby granted, *To have and to hold* one full and equal fourth Part (the whole into four equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker and Isaac Heron their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants; *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in

our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain; *Yielding*, Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker, and Isaac Heron, their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them, shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract; *Or* if they the said Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker and Isaac Heron, or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid Plant and effectually cultivate, at the least, three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if they the said Charles Nicoll, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker and Isaac Heron, or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors, for so doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors, as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office, in our City of New York in our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect; any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding; *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be

good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, *Witness* our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York, the Twenty sixth Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

WOODSTOCK—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 263-271]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. To all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted, Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Woodstock. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Levi Willard by his Humble Petition[1] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Twenty eighth Day of January which was in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven, did set forth among other Things in Substance, that there was a certain Tract of Land lying in our Province of New York called by the Name of Woodstock, Beginning at the North West Corner of Windsor; from thence running North Sixty five Degrees West five Miles and one half Mile, from thence North thirty two Degrees East Seven Miles and an half to

1. Vol. 20, p. 155.

the South west Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Pomfret; from thence South sixty two Degrees East five Miles and an half to the North west Corner of the Township of Hertford; from thence South thirty Degrees West by the West Line of Hertford to the Bounds first mentioned. That the Petitioner and his Associates were owners and Proprietors of the same Tract of Land, That they held the same under our Province of New Hampshire; That they supposed their Title to be good until our Royal Order in Council fixing the West Bank of Connecticut River as the Boundary Line between our Provinces of New York and New Hampshire, And that they were willing and desirous to secure their Property, Possessions, and Improvements by obtaining a Grant of the same under the Seal of our Province of New York, *And* therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid Containing Twenty four Thousand Nine Hundred and sixty Acres and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Woodstock and vested with such Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York had and did enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York our same Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Levi Willard and the other Persons mentioned in the said Report and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, Except the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Richard Wilberd, James Nevin, Jonathan Tuck, Zebulon Giddings and Abner Morrel, which having no Improvement made thereon were to remain vested in us, That the several Shares of the said Tract which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, One such Share for the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,—A like Share as a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being Residing on the said Tract. A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract And one Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the same Tract And that the whole of the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Woodstock with the usual Privileges. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Oliver Willard by his humble Petition[2] in Behalf of himself and the other owners and Proprietors under the pretended Grant of

2. Vol. 30, p. 107.

New Hampshire of the Tract of Land aforesaid presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the fifth Day of February now last past Reciting the Proceedings aforesaid, did set forth among other Things in Substance that sundry of the Persons in whose Names our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land were directed to issue as aforesaid are since deceased and others since removed to places far distant, on which Account it is become necessary that our Grant of the said Tract when passed should issue in the Names of other Persons. *And* therefore the said Petitioner Oliver Willard did humbly pray that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land called Woodstock, the Persons whose Names are mentioned in the Schedule to the said last recited Petition annexed might be inserted in our said Letters Patent, and that the Shares of the said Tract so directed as aforesaid to remain vested in us might be included in our Grant for the Benefit of the present Owners thereof. On due Consideration of which said last recited Petition our same Council did humbly advise that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land called Woodstock, our said last mentioned Governor should issue the same agreeable to the Order and Proceedings on the said first recited Petition; But that instead of the Persons to whom the said Tract of Land was thereby advised or intended to be granted our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, And that the Shares and Proportions of the said Tract of Land so formerly allotted to the Persons above named and directed to remain vested in us as aforesaid should be included in and granted by our said Letters Patent for the Benefit of the present Owners thereof. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the several Persons named in the Schedule aforesaid to wit the said Oliver Willard and Isaac Corsa, Joseph Bull, John Blagge, William A. Forbes, Benjamin Stout Junior, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Peter Vandervoort, William Talman, George Birks, Henry Gulick, William Clark, John B Stout, Benjamin Stout, Henry Beekman, John Fowler, Caleb Hyatt, Daniel Goldsmith, Daniel Green, Samuel Stevens, Charles M[c]Evers, James Seagrove, Christopher Blundell, and Adam Gilchrist, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of Woodstock situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Southwest Corner of the Township of Hertford[4] granted to Oliver Willard and others; and runs thence North sixty five Degrees West

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 11.
4. See p. 54 ante.

four Hundred and forty Chains; Then North Thirty two Degrees East six Hundred and two Chains; Then South sixty two Degrees East four Hundred and forty eight Chains to the Northwest Corner of the said Township of Hertford; Then along the West Bounds of the said Township of Hertford South thirty three Degrees West five Hundred and eighty Chains to the Place where this Tract of Land began, Containing Twenty four Thousand and seven Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, Including a Tract of Five Hundred Acres of Land granted to Lieutenant William Leslie,[5] and Containing exclusive of the said Tract and of the Four Lots of Land herein after described the Quantity of Twenty three Thousand and two Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes herein after mentioned the following four Lots of Land, Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid that is to say, *For the Use of incorporated Society* for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot, and which begins at the Southwest Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract of which this first Lot is a Part, and runs from the said Place of Beginning along the South Bounds of the said larger Tract South sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North Thirty two Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then North Sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the West Bounds of the said larger Tract and then along the said West Bounds South thirty two Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract All that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins in the West Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northwest Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said first Lot South Sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North thirty two Degrees East Thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then North sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the West Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the said West Bounds South Thirty two Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this second Lot began Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *For the first settled Minister* of the Gospel on the said

5. Vol. 20, p. 87.

Levi Willard of Hertford (Hartland) "joined the British Army when about eighteen years of age and served in the Commissary Department. At the close of the Revolutionary War he was employed by a British fur company, and for many years lived among the savages and trappers, but finally returned to Vermont and died at Sheldon in 1839 in his 80th year."—Governor and Council, vol. VIII, p. 298.

For note on Oliver Willard, see p. 56 ante.

larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which begins in the West Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northwest Corner of the said second Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said second Lot South Sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North thirty two Degrees East Thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then North sixty five Degrees West One Hundred Chains to the West Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the said West Bounds South thirty two Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this third Lot began, Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lott and which begins in the West Bounds of the said larger Tract at the Northwest Corner of the said third Lot; and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said third Lot South Sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North thirty two Degrees East ten Chains and two Rods; Then North sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the West Bounds of the said larger Tract; and then along the said West Bounds South thirty two Degrees West ten Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fourth Lot began Containing One Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them does not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty first Day of May now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty four Thousand and seven Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Oliver Willard and the other Persons mentioned in the last recited Petition, their Heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers, and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations, Exceptions Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, *grant* ratify and confirm unto them the said Oliver Willard, Isaac Corsa, Joseph Bull, John Blagge, William A. Forbes, Benjamin Stout Junior, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Peter Vandervoort, William Talman, George Birks, Henry Gulick, William Clark, John B Stout, Benjamin Stout, Henry Beekman, John Fowler, Caleb Hyatt,

Daniel Goldsmith, Daniel Green, Samuel Stevens, Charles McEvers, James Seagrove, Christopher Blundell and Adam Gilchrist their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted, bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as herein after is excepted) and including All those the afore mentioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract, For the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; For a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, For the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, And for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant All that the aforesaid certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing Five Hundred Acres herein before mentioned to be granted unto Lieutenant William Leslie together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, the same Tract or Parcel of Land being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty four Thousand and seven Hundred Acres of Land herein before described and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted. *And* also Except and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns for ever *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the Rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fourth Part (the whole into Twenty four equal Parts to be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Oliver Willard, Isaac Corsa, Joseph Bull, John Blagge, William A Forbes, Benjamin Stout Junior, Cornelius Vandenbergh, Peter Vandervoort, William Talman, George Birks, Henry Gulick, William Clark, John B. Stout, Benjamin Stout, Henry Beekman, John Fowler, Caleb Hyatt, Daniel Goldsmith, Daniel Green, Samuel Stevens, Charles McEvers, James Seagrove, Christopher Blundell and Adam Gilchrist their Heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, *All* and singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *And we do* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the said large Tract Containing Twenty four Thousand and seven Hundred Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Woodstock* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annnal town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the

Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York, *And* that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, That this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed, *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the third Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

TOWNSHEND*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 272-276]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth: *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting—*Whereas* our Right trusty and well beloved George Lord Viscount Townshend by his humble Petition[1] in Behalf of himself and his Associates whose Names are mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed, presented unto our trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the eighth Day of April now last past, did set forth among other Things, That there was a certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Charlotte to the Eastward and Southward of the Township of Prattsburgh, Beginning two Hundred and fifty Chains measured on an East Course from the Southeast Corner of Prattsburgh, and runs thence North Eighteen Degrees East one Hundred and twenty Chains; Then East six Hundred and fifty two Chains; then South eighteen Degrees West five Hundred and six Chains; Then West six Hundred and fifty two

* In the vicinity of Fairfield and Fairfax.

1. Vol. 30, p. 113; vol. 31, p. 133.

Chains; Then North eighteen Degrees East three Hundred and eighty six Chains to the Place of Beginning, Containing Thirty Thousand Acres of Land, And did humbly pray that as no Part of the said Tract or Parcel of Land was ever granted by the Provinces of New Hampshire or Quebec and as the same was vacant and vested in us, our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates the Tract of Land above described, and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Townshend, with the usual Privileges. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards, on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent, that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent Grant unto the said George Lord Viscount Townshend and to his said Associates and their Heirs, the Tract of Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, And that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Townshend, with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province *Of* New York. In Pursuance whereof, and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York, have set out for the said George Lord Viscount Townshend and for his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, John Osburn, William Loughead, John L C Roome, Jacob Wilkins, Robert Hull, Ralph Harlen, Stephen Thompson, Simon Metcalfe, William Kennedy, Joseph Beck, Joseph Allicocke, Charles Nicoll, William Swan, John Grumly, John Kelly, James Leadbetter, Thomas Lupton, John Shatford Jones, Samuel Stevens, James Abeel, John DeLameter, John Abeel, Lewis Relay, Henry Relay, Garret Abeel, Evert Byvanck, Simon Stevens, Philip Lot and Henry Kelly *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being to the Eastward and Southward of the Township of Prattsburgh on the East Side of Lake Champlain in the County of Charlotte within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[2] at the Distance of two Hundred and fifty Chains East from the Southeast Corner of the Township of Prattsburgh[3], and runs thence North Eighteen Degrees East one Hundred and Twenty Chains; Then East

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 102.

3. See p. 272 ante.

A letter from Abraham Lott accompanied Lord Townshend's petition and may be found in vol. 30, p. 113.

In December 1766, William Kelly of New York City, filed a Memorial for a patent of the township of Woodstock, formerly granted by New Hampshire for the Right Honorable Lord Viscount Charles Townshend (see vol. 22, p. 131), and in the following month of March, petitioned for another tract in-lieu of Woodstock (vol. 23, p. 72).

George, Lord Viscount Townshend, was a Brigadier General in the British Army. He signed the capitulation of Quebec and assumed the command of the army there.—Colonial History of New York, X, 1007, 1013, 1041.

six Hundred and fifty two Chains; Then South Eighteen Degrees West five Hundred and six Chains; Then West six Hundred and fifty two Chains; Then North Eighteen Degrees East three Hundred and eighty six Chains to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Thirty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the Twenty second Day of May now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant unto the said George Lord Viscount Townshend and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have given granted, ratified, confirmed and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said George Lord Viscount Townshend, John Osburn, William Loughead, John L C Roome, Jacob Wilkins, Robert Hull, Ralph Harlen, Stephen Thompson, Simon Metcalfe, William Kennedy, Joseph Beck, Joseph Allicocke, Charles Nicoll, William Swan, John Grumly, John Kelly, James Leadbetter, Thomas Lupton, John Shatford Jones, Samuel Stevens, James Abeel, John DeLameter, John Abeel, Lewis Relay, Henry Relay, Garret Abeel, Evert Byvanck, Simon Stevens, Philip Lott, and Henry Kelly their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned, *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof, *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors, for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, And also all white, or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* one full and equal Thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed; and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said George Lord Viscount Townshend, and unto each of them our other Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and

Assigns respectively. *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants: *To be holden of us,* our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain, *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, and by the Name of *Townshend* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, *And* we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York; and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before Directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above Granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof: *In Testimony* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire, our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over

our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Fifth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

CAVENDISH—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 278-286]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall *come* Greeting. *Whereas* our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire, as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire, and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof: *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Cavendish. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects David Sternes and Amos Kimbal and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet, then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Nineteenth Day of November which was in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, did set forth, among other Things in Substance that there was a certain Tract of Land lying within our said Province of New York called by the Name of Cavendish, *Beginning* at the northeasterly Corner of Chester, From thence Westerly to the Corner of Weathersfield; Then by Weathersfield North thirteen Degrees East six Miles to the Southeasterly Corner of Reading; Thence North Seventy four Degrees West by Reading six Miles to the northeasterly Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Ludlow, Then South Eight Degrees West seven Miles and one half Mile by the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Ludlow to the Northerly Side of Chester, Then South eight Degrees East five Miles to the Place of *Beginning:* That the Petitioners and their Associates were the Owners and Proprietors of the same and held the Premises by Grant under the Great Seal of our Province of New Hampshire. That they supposed their Title to be good until by our Royal Order in our privy Council the West Bank of Connecticut River

1. Vol. 21, p. 77.

was fixed as the Boundary Line between our Provinces of New York and New Hampshire. That they were willing and desirous to secure their Property and Possessions by obtaining a Grant of the same under the Seal of our said Province of New York, and that they had been at great Expence in Purchasing, Surveying Dividing and improving the said Lands: And therefore the Petitioners did humbly [pray] that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their Associates and their Heirs the Lands aforesaid containing about Twenty five Thousand Acres, And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Cavendish and vested with such Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York had and did enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioner and the other Persons mentioned in the said Report and their Heirs the Tract of Land aforesaid to be erected into a Township by the Name of Cavendish, with the usual Privileges, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions, Except the Share and Proportion of the said Tract formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire, which having no Improvement made thereon was to remain vested in us. *And* that the several Shares of the said Tract, which by the pretended Grant or Charter from the Government of New Hampshire were intended for public Uses be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, *One* such Share for the Use of the *Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel* in Foreign Parts. A like Share as *A Glebe* for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Premises A like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract, and One Hundred Acres thereof for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said Tract. *And Whereas* our loving Subject John Church in Behalf of himself and his Associates by his humble Petition[2] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the eighth Day of April now last past, Reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth that he the said Petitioner had caused the said Tract to be surveyed, And that he the said Petitioner and his Associates whose Names are mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition annexed being now the only Persons principally interested in the said Tract of Land are desirous of Suing out our Letters Patent for the same: And therefore the said Peti-

2. Vol. 31, p. 86; vol. 31, p. 140.

tioner did humbly pray that our Letters Patent so advised to be granted as aforesaid might issue in the Names of the Petitioner and of the several Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid. *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition our same Council did humbly advise, that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land our said last mentioned Governor should issue the same agreeable to the Order and Proceedings on the said first recited Petition: But that instead of the Persons therein mentioned as Grantees, our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the said John Church and of his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid. *In Pursuance* whereof, and in Obedience to our said royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said John Church and for his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Waldron Blaau, John DeLameter, Jacob Shafer, John Machet Junior, John Gardineer, James Cobham, Jacobus Vervelen, John Van Order, William Day, Christian Demarrees, John Lee, John DeGroot, James Abeel, Nathan Stone, Simon Stevens, Joseph Beck, William Kennedy, Cornelius Vandenbergh, James Christy, John Abeel, and Samuel Stevens, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of Cavendish, situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Southwest Corner of the Township of Windsor[4]; and runs thence along the Southernmost Bounds of the Township of Reading[5] North Seventy four Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains, Then South eight Degrees West five Hundred and twenty seven Chains to the Northernmost Bounds of the Township of Chester[6]; Then along the last mentioned Bounds South Eighty Degrees East three Hundred and sixty five Chains to the Northwest Corner of the Township of Springfield[7]; Then along the Northernmost Bounds of the said Township of Springfield South Seventy eight Degrees East Seventy seven Chains to the Township of Weathersfield[8]; Then along the Westernmost Bounds of the last mentioned Tract of Land North twelve Degrees East four Hundred and eighty Chains to the Place where this Tract began, *Containing* Twenty two Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways and

3. Return of survey, with map, vol 31, p. 92.
4. See p. 328 ante.
5. See p. p 354 ante.
6. See p. 43 ante.
7. See p. 361 ante.
8. See p. 340 ante.

A petition of Theodore Atkinson (former Secretary to Governor Benning Wentworth, and a grantee under the New Hampshire charter of Cavendish) for a grant of this township from the Colony of New York may be found in vol. 19, p. 173; and a petition of William Cocroft for Cavendish, is in vol. 21, pp. 84-85. See also vol. 22, pp. 64 and 99 for documents relating to this confirmatory patent.

Captain John Church was a resident of Charlestown, New Hampshire, as early as 1768.—History of Charlestown, N. H.-Saunderson, p. 308.

Containing exclusive of the five several Lots or Parcels of Land hereinafter described Twenty Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *One* of which said Lots or Parcels of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* at the South east Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract, and runs thence along the Easternmost Bounds of the said larger Tract North twelve Degrees East sixty eight Chains and two Rods; Then North Seventy eight Degrees West Seventy seven Chains; Then South twelve Degrees West sixty eight Chains and two Rods to the Northernmost Bounds of the Township of Springfield; Then along the last mentioned Bounds South Seventy eight Degrees East Seventy seven Chains to the Place where this first Lot began, *Containing* Five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned the following four Lots of Land Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid that is to say, *For the Use of the Incorporated Society* for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Chester, and runs thence along the Northernmost Bounds of the said Township of Chester North eighty Degrees West forty five Chains; Then North ten Degrees East sixty eight Chains and two Rods; Then South eighty Degrees East forty seven Chains, and then South twelve Degrees West sixty eight Chains and two Rods to the Place where this second Lot began, Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which begins in the Northernmost Bounds of the said Township of Chester at the Southwest Corner of the said second Lot; and runs thence along the said Northernmost Bounds of the said Township of Chester North eighty Degrees West forty six Chains; Then North ten Degrees East Sixty eight Chains and two Rods; Then South eighty Degrees East forty six Chains to the westernmost Bounds of the said second Lot; and then along the last mentioned Bounds South ten Degrees West sixty eight Chains and two Rods to the Place where this third Lot began Containing three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For the first settled Minister of the Gospel* on the larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot; and which begins in the Northernmost Bounds of the said Township of Chester at the Southwest Corner of the said third Lot; and runs thence along the said Northernmost Bounds of the Township of Chester North eighty Degrees West forty six Chains; Then North ten Degrees East sixty eight Chains and two Rods; Then South Eighty Degrees East forty six Chains to the

Westernmost Bounds of the said third Lot; and then along the last mentioned Bounds South ten Degrees West sixty eight Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fourth Lot began, Containing Three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for the Use of a Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot; and which begins in the Northernmost Bounds of the said Township of Chester, at the South west Corner of the said fourth Lot; and runs thence along the said Northernmost Bounds of the Township of Chester North Eighty Degrees West fifteen Chains and two Rods; Then North ten Degrees East sixty eight Chains and two Rods; Then South Eighty Degrees East fifteen Chains and two Rods to the Westernmost Bounds of the said fourth Lot; and then along the last mentioned Bounds South ten Degrees West sixty eight Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fifth Lot began Containing one Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said larger Tract and the said several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Eleventh Day of May now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty two Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said John Church and the other Persons mentioned in the last recited Petition and Order, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. (Except as is herein after excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed *And do* by the [sic] Presents *for* us, our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Church, Waldron Blaau, John DeLamater, Jacob Shafter, John Machet Junior, John Gardineer, James Cobham, Jacobus Vervelen, John Van Order, William Day, Christian Demarrees, John Lee, John DeGroot, James Abeel, Nathan Stone, Simon Stevens, Joseph Beck, William Kennedy, Cornelius Vandenbergh, James Christy, John Abeel, and Samuel Stevens their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as herein after is excepted) and Including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally

and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract *For* the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established, *For* the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, *And* for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract, Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion, and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land Containing Five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted, bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the first Lot as aforesaid, Together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, the same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty two Thousand Acres of Land herein before described and within the Township by these Presents herein after constituted; *And also Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *To* for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, And to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the rest, Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal two and twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty two equal Parts to

be divided) of the said Rest, Residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said John Church, Waldron Blaau, John DeLamater, Jacob Shafer, John Machet Junior, John Gardineer, James Cobham, Jacobus Vervelen, John Van Order, William Day, Christian Demarrees, John Lee, John DeGroot, James Abeel, Nathan Stone, Simon Stevens, Joseph Beck, William Kennedy, Cornelius Vandenbergh, James Christy, John Abeel and Samuel Stevens, their Heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever: *All and singular* the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof; Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And we do* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and constitute the said large Tract of Land Containing Twenty two Thousand Acres herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain, And by the Name of *Cavendish* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York, And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: *And*

we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the sixth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

SALTASH*—A Confirmatory Patent

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 288-295]

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our Province of New York in *America* hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof. *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents herein after granted Part of our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Saltash. *And Whereas* our loving Subjects Jeremiah Hall, Jonathan Hammon, John French and John Hunt by their humble Petition[1] in Behalf of themselves and their Associates presented unto our late trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the Nineteen Day of November which

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* Name changed to Plymouth in 1797.

1. Vol. 20, p. 92. A list of the original grantees of Saltash under the New Hampshire charter, to whom they sold or gave powers; present owners and names to be inserted in the New York patent, under date of October 30, 1765, are with this petition.

was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, did set forth among other Things in Substance, That there was a certain Tract of Land lying in our said Province of New York called by the Name of Saltash *Beginning* at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land known by the Name of the Township of Reading, and running from thence North sixty five Degrees West six Miles; Then North seven Degrees East seven Miles; from thence South Sixty four Degrees East six Miles to the Northwest Corner of Reading; from thence South fifteen Degrees West six Miles and three Quarters by the Line of Reading to the first mentioned Bounds. That the Petitioners and their Associates were the sole Proprietors of the said Tract of Land, and held the same under the said Grant of the Government of New Hampshire; That they supposed their Title to be good until the West Bank of Connecticut River was by our Royal Order in our Privy Council declared to be the Boundary Line between our Provinces of New York and New Hampshire, And that they were willing and desirous to secure their Property Possessions and Improvements by obtaining a Grant of the same under the Seal of our Province of New York. And therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever the Tract of Land aforesaid And that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Saltash and vested with the same Powers and Privileges as other Towns in our said Province of New York had and did enjoy. *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province of New York, our same Council did afterwards to wit on the Twentieth Day of December in the said Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty six, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to our loving Subject Ichabod Fisher the said John Hunt and the other Persons mentioned in the said Report and their Heirs, the Tract of Land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions; Except the Share and Proportion of the said Tract formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire which having no Improvement made thereon was to remain vested in us; That the several Shares of the said Tract of Land which by the pretended Grant or Charter of the Government of New Hampshire were intended for Public Uses should be granted in Trust as follows, that is to say, *One* such Share for the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. *A* like Share for a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said Tract. *A* like Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract, And One Hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the same Tract. And that the whole of the said Tract of Land should by our Letters Patent

be erected into a Township by the Name of Saltash with the usual Privileges. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Eleazer Oswald by his humble Petition[2] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our trusty and well beloved William *Tryon* Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same and read in our Council for our said Province of New York on the fifteenth Day of April now last past, reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the Petitioner and his Associates named in the Schedule to his said Petition annexed, being the only Persons then principally interested in the said Tract of Land, had caused the same to be surveyed and were desirous to sue out our Letters Patent for the same. *And* therefore the Petitioner in Behalf of himself and his said Associates did humbly pray that our Letters Patent so advised to be granted for the said Tract of Land called Saltash as aforesaid might issue in the Names of the Petitioner and his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid: *On* due Consideration of which last recited Petition our same Council for our said Province of New York did humbly advise that when our Letters Patent should issue for the said Tract of Land our said last mentioned Governor should issue the same agreable to the Order and Proceedings on the said first recited Petition, But that instead of the Persons therein named as Grantees our said Letters Patent should issue in the Names of the Petitioner the said Eleazer Oswald and of his Associates mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Eleazer Oswald and for his Associates mentioned in the Schedule to the said last recited Petition annexed, to wit, Benjamin Stout, John Stout, John Fowler, Caleb Hyatt, John L C. Roome, Cornelius Vandenbergh, James Cobham, Alexander Bradburn, John Stout the third, Benjamin Stout Junior, John Church, Simon Stevens, Joseph Beck, Samuel Boyer, Henry Beekman, William Swan, John Lewis, Samuel Stevens, Benjamin Garrison, John Keen, Waldron Blaau, James Thompson, Benjamin James and William Kennedy, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land known by the Name of Saltash situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland within our Province of New York *Beginning*[3] at the Southwest Corner of the Township of Reading[4], and runs thence North

2. Vol. 31, p. 91.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 131.
4. See p. 354 ante.

Jeremiah Hall, son of Dr. Jeremiah Hall, one of the first settlers of Keene, New Hampshire, was a member of Captain Josiah Willard's Military Company.—Griffen, History of Keene, New Hampshire, p. 606.

Eleazer Oswald was editor of a Philadelphia journal in 1785.—National Cyclopedia of American Biography, VI, 278.

sixty five Degrees West four Hundred and eighty Chains; Then North fifteen Degrees East five Hundred and sixty Chains; Then South sixty four Degrees East four Hundred and fifty two Chains to the Northwest Corner of the said Township of Reading, and then along the Westernmost Bounds of the said Township of Reading South twelve Degrees West Five Hundred and fifty seven Chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land began, Containing Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And Containing exclusive of the Five several Lots or Parcels of Land herein after described Twenty two Thousand and five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *One* of which said five Lots or Parcels of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot is to remain vested in us, and is bounded as follows, that is to say, *Beginning* at the Northwest Corner of the above mentioned larger Tract of which this fifth Lot is a Part, and runs thence along the West Bounds of the said larger Tract, South fifteen Degrees West fifty three Chains; Then South Sixty four Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then North fifteen Degrees East fifty three Chains; to the North Bounds of the said larger Tract, and then along the last mentioned Bounds North sixty four Degrees West one Hundred Chains to the Place where this fifth Lot began Containing Five Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* also our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned the following four Lots of Land Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so setout as aforesaid that is to say, *For the Use of the Incorporated Society* for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot and which begins at the Distance of three Hundred and twenty four Chains measured on a Course North Twenty Degrees West from the Southwest Corner of the said Township of Reading; and runs from the said Place of Beginning North Sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North fifteen Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains; Then South fifteen Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this first Lot began *Containing* three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For a Glebe* for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the Second Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the said first Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said first Lot North Sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North fifteen Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains; and then South fifteen Degrees West Thirty one Chains and two Rods, to the Place where this second Lot began *Containing* three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For* the first

settled *Minister* of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the said second Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said second Lot, North sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains; Then North fifteen Degrees East thirty one Chains and two Rods; Then South sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains, And then South fifteen Degrees West thirty one Chains and two Rods to the Place where this third Lot began. *Containing* three Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* for the Use of a *Schoolmaster* residing on the said larger Tract *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the Fourth Lot, and which begins at the Northeast Corner of the said third Lot, and runs thence along the North Bounds of the said third Lot North sixty five Degrees West one Hundred Chains, Then North fifteen Degrees East ten Chains and two Rods—Then South Sixty five Degrees East one Hundred Chains, and then South fifteen Degrees West ten Chains and two Rods to the Place where this fourth Lot began, *Containing* One Hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in Setting out the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty fifth Day of May now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being Willing to grant to the said Eleazer Oswald and the other Persons mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid their Heirs and Assigns for ever, (Except as herein after is excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges, and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments, and under the several Reservations, Exceptions, Provisoes and Conditions herein after expressed, limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively. *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given granted ratified and confirmed, *And do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Eleazer Oswald, Benjamin Stout, John Stout, John Fowler, Caleb Hyatt, John L C Roome, Cornelius Vandenbergh, James Cobham, Alexander Bradburn, John Stout the third, Benjamin Stout Junior, John Church, Simon Stevens, Joseph Beck, Samuel Boyer, Henry Beekman, William Swan, John Lewis, Samuel Stevens, Benjamin Garrison, John Keen, Waldron Blaau, James Thompson, Benjamin James and William Kennedy their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the aforesaid large Tract *or* Parcel

of Land set out abutted bounded and described by our said Commissioners in Manner and Form as above mentioned (Except thereout as herein after is excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract, *For* the Use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; *For* a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established; *For* the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said larger Tract, *And* for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said larger Tract: *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining, *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land containing five Hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways herein before mentioned to be set apart and remain vested in us, abutted bounded and described as aforesaid, and distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot as aforesaid: Together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging; the same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land herein before described, and within the Township by these Presents hereinafter constituted: *And also Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever All Mines of Gold and Silver, And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their Heirs and Assigns for ever, To for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes herein after expressed limited, declared and appointed of and concerning the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning all the rest Residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted, ratified and confirmed, *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fifth Part (the whole into Twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest residue and Remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Eleazer Oswald, Benjamin Stout, John Stout, John Fowler, Caleb Hyatt, John L C Roome, Cornelius Vandenbergh, James Cobham, Alexander Bradburn, John Stout the third, Benjamin Stout Junior, John Church, Simon Stevens, Joseph Beck, Samuel Boyer, Henry Beekman, William Swan, John Lewis, Samuel Stevens, Benjamin Garrison, John Keen, Waldron Blaau, James Thompson, Benjamin James and William Kennedy their Heirs and Assigns respectively, *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants, and to and for no other Use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. *All and singular* the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *And* We do of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, create erect and constitute the said large Tract Containing Twenty four Thousand Acres of Land herein before mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township forever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Saltash* for ever hereafter to be called and *known*

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless, and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our said Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in One of the

Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province of New York, And that in Default there of this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this our present Grant, being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same at our Fort in our City of New York the Eighth Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two and of our Reign the Twelfth.

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[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 348-353]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subject Andrew Elliot Esquire by his humble Petition[1] in Behalf of himself and his Associates presented unto our Right trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Fourteenth Day of June which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy one, did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a certain Tract of Land vested in us situate Eastward of Lake Champlain then in the County of Albany but now in the County of Charlotte lying adjoining to other Lands located on the River known by the Name of Onion River, and Containing Thirty Thousand Acres, And that the Petitioner and his Associates were desirous of obtaining our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land intending to cultivate and improve the same. And therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto

* Circa. Richmond and Bolton.

1. Vol. 28, p. 90.

him the Petitioner and his Associates the Tract of Land aforesaid on the usual Terms: *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs the Tract of *Land* aforesaid under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *And Whereas* afterwards on the Eighth Day of the Month of May now last past on the further Petition[2] of the said Andrew Elliot in Behalf of himself and his Associates it was ordered by our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of Minto with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province, have set out for the said Andrew Elliot, and for his Associates to wit, James Duane, Johnston Fairholme, Walter Rutherford, John Harris Cruger, William M^cAdam, Peter Middleton, John Kelly, Anthony Kendal, James Coggeshel, William Tuckey, Archibald Thompson, James Penny, Christopher Codwise, James Moran, John B. Sebring Charles Williams, Lambert Moore, Thomas Moore, John Copp, John Moore, John Crook, Jonathan Fish, John Church, Samuel Stevens, William Kennedy, John Bowles, James Leadbetter, Simon Stevens and Joseph Blanchard, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Charlotte, in our Province of New York, *Beginning*[3] at the Southeast Corner of a Tract of Land granted to Samuel Wells and others known by the Name of the Township of Deerfield[4], and runs thence along the Southern Bounds of the said Township of Deerfield North Sixty eight Degrees West one Hundred and sixty Chains Then South two hundred and Ten Chains Then South Sixty Degrees East five Hundred and forty Chains; Then North thirty Degrees East five Hundred and forty five Chains; Then North

2. Vol. 31, p. 120; vol. 32, p. 80.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 104; vol. 32, p. 151.
4. See p. 237 ante.

Andrew Elliot, uncle of the first Earl of Minto, was a son of the Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland. Appointed Collector of the Port of New York in 1764 which office he held until the evacuation of the city. Appt. H. M. Lieut. Governor in 1780, and administered the Royalist government from April to November, 1783.—N. Y. Colonial Manuscripts, VIII, p. 96. He was Receiver General of Quit Rents and member of the Commissioners on Lands for the Province of New York. Superintendent General of Police; Chairman of the Superintendent's Department established by Sir William Horne in 1777. His property was confiscated.—Biographical Sketches of American Loyalists, Sabine.

Sixty Degrees West six Hundred and eighty three Chains to the Easternmost Bounds of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of the Township of Deerfield; and then along the last mentioned Bounds South three Hundred and Ninety three Chains and fifty Links to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Thirty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in Setting out* the said Tract of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Eighth Day of the said Month of May and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to grant to the said Andrew Elliot and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Andrew Elliot, James Duane, Johnston Fairholme, Walter Rutherford, John Harris Cruger, William M^cAdam, Peter Middleton, John Kelly, Anthony Kendal, James Coggeshel, William Tuckey, Archibald Thompson, James Penny, Christopher Codwise, James Moran, John B Sebring, Charles Williams, Lambert Moore, Thomas Moore, John Copp, John Moore, John Crook, Jonathan Fish, John Church, Samuel Stevens, William Kennedy, John Bowles, James Leadbetter, Simon Stevens and Joseph Blanchard, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded, and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, All Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirtieth Part (the whole into thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned, their Heirs and Assigns respectively, To their only proper and seperate

Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there, for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof. *And* we do of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion create, erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be, continue and remain, And by the Name of *Minto* for ever Hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; *And* that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province and that in Default thereof, this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us, our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming, or or [sic] other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning *the* above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the

same at our Fort in our City of New York the Ninth Day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Twelfth.

HENRY VAN VLECK TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 309-312]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* our loving Subject Henry Van Vleck and four other Persons his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York, and read in our Council for our said Province on the third Day of *July* which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy one, did set forth, that the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered a Tract of vacant Land vested in us wholly uncultivated situate about Ten or twelve Miles Eastward of Wood Creek which was petioned [sic] for in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty seven, by Major General Ralph Burton who is since Deceased, bounded Eastwardly by the West Line of Socialborough, Westerly by a Tract surveyed for the Reverend John Ogilvie, Southerly by the Township of Richmond and northerly by vacant Land and Containing Five Thousand Acres of Land; And therefore the said Petitioner did humbly pray that our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant unto him the said Henry Van Vleck and his Associates the Tract of Land above mentioned, *On* Consideration whereof it was accordingly ordered by our said late Captain General and Governor in Chief with the advice of our said Council that the Heirs of the said Major General Ralph Burton should have six Months Time to sue out our Grant of the said Five Thousand Acres of Land, and if they should neglect to sue out Such Grant within six months from the said third Day of July that the said Lands should be granted to the said Henry Van Vleck and his Associates pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition. *And Whereas* the Heirs of the said Major General Ralph Burton having neglected to sue out such Grant, our Council for our said Province did therefore on the Twenty second Day of April now last past humbly advise and consent[2] that our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire now our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Henry Van Vleck and his Associates and their Heirs

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1. Vol 23, p. 24.
2. Vol 29, pp. 97 and 492.

the said Tract of Five Thousand Acres of vacant Land under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Henry Van Vleck, and for his Associates to wit, Abraham Brasher, Benjamin Booth, Abraham H Van Vleck and Henry H Kip, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Charlotte within our Province of New York, about twelve Miles Eastward from the Falls on Wood Creek, *Beginning*[3] at the Southeast Corner of a Tract of Land granted to the Reverend John Ogilvie[4], and runs thence along the North Bounds of a Tract of Land called the Township of Richmond[5] granted to John Devan and others, East three Hundred and nine Chains to the Western most Bounds of the Township of Socialborough[6], Then along the said Westernmost Bounds North thirteen Degrees West one Hundred and Eighty seven Chains and thirty Links; Then West two Hundred and sixty seven Chains to the East Bounds of the above mentioned Tract of Land granted to John Ogilvie; and then along the said East Bounds South one Hundred and Eighty two Chains and two Rods to the Place where this Tract began, Containing Five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And in setting out* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the Twenty eighth Day of September now last past and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being Willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed and *do* by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto them the said Henry Van Vleck, Abraham Brasher, Benjamin Booth, Abraham H. Van Vleck and Henry H Kip their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions,

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 32, p. 6.
4. Vol. 31, p. 130.
5. See p. 252 ante.
6. See p. 208 ante.

Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors; *To have and to hold* one full and equal fifth Part (the whole into five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them the said Henry Van Vleck, Abraham Brasher, Benjamin Booth, Abraham H. Van Vleck, and Henry H. Kip their Heirs and Assigns respectively *To* their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants; *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors, in free and common Socage, as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, Saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said Henry Van Vleck, Abraham Brasher, Benjamin Booth, Abraham H. Van Vleck, and Henry H. Kip their Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract: *Or* if they the said Henry Van Vleck, Abraham Brasher, Benjamin Booth, Abraham H. Van Vleck, and Henry H. Kip or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assigns, shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at the least, three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: *Of* if they the said Henry Van Vleck, Abraham Brasher, Benjamin Booth, Abraham H. Van Vleck and Henry H. Kip, or any of them, their or any of their Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal Licence of us, our

Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases, this our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing here in before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office there for our said Province; And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And we do* moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the sixteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Thirteenth.

JOHN LAWRENCE TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 313-315]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so Forth, *To* all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. *Whereas* our loving Subject John Lawrence by his humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire, our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, and read in our Council for our said Province on the Twenty

* Probably within the present township of Whiting.

1. Vol. 30, p. 91.

second Day of April now last past, did set forth, that the Petitioner had discovered a Tract of vacant Land situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte bounded South by a Tract of Land granted to Samuel Dick North by the Township of Ludlow, and East by the Township of Monckton, Containing about one Thousand Acres, And that the Petitioner was desirous to cultivate and improve the same; *And* therefore the Petitioner did humbly pray, that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant to him and his Heirs the said Tract of vacant Land on the usual Terms. *Which Petition* having been referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province, our said Council did afterwards, on the same Day, in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said John Lawrence and his Heirs the Quantity of one Thousand Acres of the vacant Lands described in his said Petition, under the Quit Rent, Provisoes, Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions. *In Pursuance* whereof and in obedience to our said Royal Instructions, our Commissioners appointed for the Setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said John Lawrence, *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Charlotte within our Province of *New York Beginning*[2] at the Northwest Corner of a Tract of two Hundred Acres of Land granted to William Sutherland[3], and runs thence along the Bounds of the said Tract East Seventy Chains, and South Ten Chains; Then East Seventy Chains to a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of the Township of Monckton[4]; Then along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract North Eighty Chains to a Tract of Land called and known by the Name of the Township of Ludlow[5]; Then along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract West one Hundred and forty Chains to a Tract of Land granted to William Nicholls[6] and others; and then along the East Bounds of the last mentioned Tract South Seventy Chains to the Place where this Tract first began, Containing one Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land, our said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Certificate

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 31, p. 142.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 30, p. 15.
4. See p. 213 ante.
5. Not to be confused with present township of Ludlow; this was the Patent granted to Gabriel H. Ludlow, named Morrisfield, which was often called "Ludlow". Part of present Cornwall and Middlebury. See p. 240 ante.
6. See p. 300 ante.

John Lawrence was commissioned County Clerk of Cumberland County in June, 1774, and Attorney at Law in January 1775. He received a portion of the $30,000 paid New York by Vermont.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 769-771.

thereof under their Hands bearing Date the third Day of June now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, We have given, granted, ratified and confirmed, And do by these Presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, give, grant, ratify and confirm unto him the said John Lawrence his Heirs and Assigns for ever, *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out, abutted, bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned; *Together* with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: *And* also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of, in and to the same Lands and Premises, and every Part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof, *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us, our Heirs and Successors for ever, *All* Mines of Gold and Silver, and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified and confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said John Lawrence his Heirs and Assigns, *To* the only proper Use and Behoof of him the said John Lawrence his Heirs and Assigns for ever. *To be holden* of us, our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding,* Rendering and Paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto us, our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving And Except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof. *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said John Lawrence his Heirs or Assigns shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle one Family on the said Tract of Land hereby granted; or if he the said John Lawrence his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres

of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation; *Or* if he the said John Lawrence his Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons by his, their or any of their Privity, Consent or Procurement, shall fell, cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us, our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us, our Heirs or Successors for so Doing first had and obtained, that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void, and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us, our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made, any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding. *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless, And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Successors, direct and appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining; And that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditor's Office there for our said Province; and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, Any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding, *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, consent and agree that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, against us, our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Misreciting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of, in or in any wise concerning the above granted, or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof. *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved *William Tryon* Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, at our Fort in our City of New York the Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Seventy two, and of our Reign the Thirteenth.

KELLYBROOK*—A Compensatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, Vol. 16, pp. 383-390]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth To all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting* Whereas our Loving Subjects Luke Knoulton of the County of Cumberland in our Province of New York and John Taylor of our Province of the Massachusets Bay and others their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the Twenty third Day of December which was in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy two did set forth that there is a certain Tract of vacant Land within our said Province of New York Situate on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester to the Northward of the Townships of Norbury and Penryn and to the Westward of the Lands Surveyed for Samuel Stitt and others and the Lands Advised to be granted to Thomas Lawrence Francis Dominick and others Beginning on the North Bank of a Brook called Lamoil River about Twenty five or Twenty six Miles Northwest of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Barnet and about Eight hundred Chains measured on a Course about North Eighty three Degrees West from the Northwest Corner of the said Tract so Surveyed for Samuel Stitt and others and also to the Westward of Lands Petitioned for by Captain Holland at a Basswood Tree marked with the Letters and Figures *S R, W C 1772* July the 27th and running from thence Southerly about one hundred and Twenty Chains thence Northwesterly about five hundred and sixty Chains thence Northerly about two hundred and forty Chains. Thence South Easterly about five hundred and sixty Chains and thence Southerly about One hundred and Twenty Chains to the Place of Beginning. That the Petitioners were Proprietors of the Township of Somerset by Purchase under the Grant of our Government of New Hampshire—That since the said Grant the *Greatest* part of the said Township had been Patented in our said Province of New York and included within the Grant of the Township of Leinster[2] that about three thousand Acres only of the said Township of Somerset now remains unpatented in our said Government of New York which had been advised to be granted to the Original Proprietors who having prayed for other Lands in Compensation for the like Quantity of those included in the Township of Leinster were directed to locate the same and have accordingly been at the Expence of an Actual Survey of the said vacant Tract That the Lands above described had never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire nor were they included within

* Covered land in Fletcher and vicinity.
1. Vol. 32, p. 120.
2. See p. 264 ante.

any Grant made by the French And that the Petitioners were desirous for the Benefit of the Original Owners of the said Township of Somerset to obtain a Grant of so much of the said vacant Lands as would compensate their Loss and therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased to grant unto them and their Heirs the Quantity of Twenty Thousand Acres of the vacant Lands aforesaid under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province our said Council did afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Lands in their said Petition described under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions *And Whereas* the said Luke Knoulton and his Associates by their humble Petition[3] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in our said Council on the Twenty Ninth day of June now last past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other Things in Substance, That in Consequence thereof the Petitioners were at great Expence in causing an Actual Survey of the said Lands to be made and that as the Land so prayed for by them was vacant and Vested in Us having never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire or the French Government of Canada they humbly prayed that our Letters Patent might be granted to them for the Tract of Land so advised as aforesaid Containing Twenty Thousand Acres and the Usual Allowance for Highways and That the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of *Kellybrook* with the usual Privileges and that Instead of the Names of John Grout, Josiah Arms, Malachi Church, John Serjents, John Wilson, Elisha Harding, and William Ellice, who were Parties in the said first recited Petition but were since dead or removed out of our said Province of New York the Names of Daniel Whipple, David Joy, Joseph Charters, Jonathan Hunt, Simeon Alcott, Elijah Williams, and William Wentworth, Associates of the said Luke Knoulton may be inserted in our Letters Patent. On due Consideration of which last recited Petition and it appearing that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been Advised to be granted to the Petitioners and of the Equity set forth in the said recited Petitions our said Council did humbly Advise our said Lieutenant Governor by our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their Heirs the Tract of Land in their said last recited Petition described and prayed for under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes and Restrictions and that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of *Kellybrook* with

3. Vol. 34, pp. 15 and 33.

the usual Privileges *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for them the said Luke Knoulton and his Associates to wit John Taylor, Samuel Knight, Benjamin Butterfield, Daniel Whipple, Jonathan Hobbs, David Joy, Joseph Charters, Stephen Greenleafe, Willard Stephens, David Wells Seth Catlin Jonathan Hunt Simeon Alcott, John Church Elijah Williams, William Wentworth, Samuel Gale David Willis, and Jonathan Wells All that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Gloucester Beginning[4] at a Hemlock Tree cornered and marked with the Letters and Figures *L K, S R, W C, T B 1772* Standing on the North Westerly Bank of the River Le Moyle at the Distance of One Hundred and Twenty six Chains on a Course South Sixty four Degrees West from the Mouth of a Brook emptying itself into the said River Le Moyle on the North side thereof and this Tract runs from the said Hemlock Tree North ten Degrees East four Hundred and Twenty eight Chains Thence South Forty seven Degrees East five hundred and Eighty five Chains Thence South ten Degrees West four Hundred and Twenty Eight Chains Thence North Forty seven Degrees West Five hundred and Eighty five Chains to the Place of Beginning Containing Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had Regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and have *Taken* care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the Thirteenth day of this Instant Month of July and entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear. Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned. *Know ye* That of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and mere motion We have given, granted, ratified, and confirmed and *Do* by these Presents for us our

4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 48.

Luke Knowlton came to New Fane in 1772, and in that year was appointed Justice of Peace for Cumberland County; was a member of the Cumberland County Committee of Safety 1776-1777; in 1780 he was Agent for the county against Vermont in the Congress, but thereafter appears to have favored the new state. He was town clerk of New Fane from 1774-1790. For his connection with the co-called Haldimand Affair he was arrested by order of the Congress, taken across the Massachusetts line and left there; his rescue was planned, but he returned before it was effected. He represented the town in the General Assembly in 1784-6 and 1788-9. Member of the Council from 1790 to 1801; member of the Convention of 1793; Judge of Windham County Court in 1786.—Governor and Council, II, pp. 259-260.

John Taylor was from Northborough, Massachusetts, and with Luke Knowlton had purchased the township of Newfane from its New York patentees.—See p. 349n ante.

Heirs and Successors give, grant ratify, and confirm, unto them the said Luke Knoulton, John Taylor, Samuel Knight, Benjamin Butterfield, Daniel Whipple, Jonathan Hobbs, David Joy, Joseph Charters, Stephen Greenleafe, Willard Stephens, David Wells, Seth Catlin, Jonathan Hunt, Simeon Alcott, John Church, Elijah Williams, William Wentworth, Samuel Gale, David Willis, and Jonathan Wells, their Heirs and Assigns forever *All* that the Tract or parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned. Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances Thereunto belonging or appertaining. *And Also* all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim, and Demand, whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and Parcel thereof. *And* the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders, Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and Equal Twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these presents granted ratified and Confirmed and every part and parcel thereof with their and Every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively forever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and Common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying Therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto us our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any Lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands Allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof— *And we do* of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and mere Motion create erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain by the Name of *Kellybrook* for ever to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township, authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers;

method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and Upon Condition also nevertheless and We do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretarys Office in our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office in and for our said Province of New York. And that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And We* do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer motion consent and agree That this our Present grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof, *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at our Fort in our City of New York the Twentieth day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of our Reign the Fourteenth.

GOVERNORS OF KING'S COLLEGE TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 391-395]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth To all to whom these presents shall come *Greeting*. *Whereas* a Petition was presented to us praying that we would be graciously pleased to grant to the Governors of Kings College in the City of New York Twenty thousand Acres of Land in our Province of New York upon the Terms and Conditions therein particularly mentioned And we having taken the same into Our Royal Consideration and also taken the Opinions of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and also of a Committee of our Privy Council thereupon and we being inclined to give all due Encouragement to that Seminary for the Promotion of Religion and useful Learning, We were pleased by our Royal Order in Council Given at our Court at the Queens House On the Twenty Ninth day of March which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand

* A mandamus grant in the vicinity of Cambridge and Johnson.

seven hundred and sixty five with the Advice of our Privy Council to order that our Governor or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York should cause Twenty thousand Acres of Land to be surveyed in one Contiguous Tract conformable to our Instructions with Regard to the manner of laying out Grants of Land in such Part of our said Province as the Governors of Kings College in the City of New York should choose not already granted or Surveyed to others and not possessed or Claimed by the Indians and that upon a return of such Survey Our said Governor or Commander in Chief do pass a Grant for the same under the seal of our said Province to the Governors of the said College as named in the Charter and their Successors forever for the Use and Benefit of the said College upon the Conditions of Cultivation prescribed in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor and Subject to the Annual Rent of six shillings and eight Pence in Lieu of Quit Rent which is to be paid by the President and Fellows of the said College for the Time being to our Governor or Commander in Chief of our said Province sitting in the Council Chamber on the first Monday after Easter in each Year and that a Clause be inserted in such Grant to impower the said Governors to grant Leases of the Premises for three Lives or any Term not Exceeding Ninety nine Years reserving a rent to the said College of at least one third of the improved Rent *And Whereas* the Governors of the said College by their Corporate Name of the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America by their Humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America have chosen that the said Twenty thousand Acres of Land should be laid out for them within certain Vacant Lands particularly described in their said last mentioned Petition on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester as by the said last mentioned petition reference thereunto being had may appear *Wherefore* in Obedience to our Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid our Commissioner's appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America *All* that certain Tract or Parcell of Land Situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within our Province of New York *Beginning*[2] at the most Southerly Corner of a Tract of Two Thousand Acres of Land laid out for Lieutenant Charles Williams[3] and running thence along the Eastern Bounds thereof and the Eastern Bounds of a Tract of Three Thousand Acres laid out for Captain John Gordon[4] and the Continuation thereof North Thirty six Degrees East

1. This petition was not located in the New York Land Papers.
2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 59.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 58.
4. Return of survey, with map, vol 35, p. 60.

Kings College, now Columbia University, was founded in 1754. In 1770 the township of Kingsland, now Washington, had been granted to the College. This tract

five hundred and Sixty six Chains Then South Fifty four Degrees East three hundred and Seventy One Chains Then South Thirty six Degrees West Five Hundred and Sixty six Chains and then North Fifty four Degrees West Three hundred and Seventy one Chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways.—And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is Conformable to our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands Bearing date the Second Day of this Instant Month of August and entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province may more fully appear which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their Successors for ever Know ye that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion we have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America and their Successors for ever *All* that the tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as abovementioned. *Together* with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining *And Also* all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof *And* the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines* of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us, our Heirs and Successors, *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted, ratified, and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America And their Successors, to the only proper use and behoof of them the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America and their Successors for ever *To be holden* of us our Heirs and Successors in free and Common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain

of twenty thousand acres had been previously granted by Royal Mandamus under date of March 29, 1765, "when located and surveyed according to instructions of the Privy Council." To this end President Myles Cooper went to London and obtained the grant.—A Revolutionary Conservative—James Duane, Alexander, pp. 180 et seq.

and upon the Annual Rent of six shillings and Eight Pence Sterling hereby reserved to us our Heirs and Successors for ever the same to be paid Yearly and every Year by the President and Fellows of the said College unto the Governor or Commander in Chief of us our Heirs and Successors in and over our said Province of New York sitting in the Council Chamber on the first Monday after Easter Day in every Year in Lieu of Quit Rent and instead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *And* further of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer motion We have given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do Give and grant to the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America and their Successors for ever full Power and Authority and that it shall and may be lawful for them and their Successors for ever from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter to grant and demise the Lands and Premises hereby granted or any Part or Parts Parcel or Parcels thereof for three Lives or for any Term or Terms not exceeding Ninety Nine Years so that upon every such Lease and Demise an Annual Rent be Reserved to the Said Corporation of at Least one Third of the improved rent of the Lands so from Time to Time to be leased and Demised *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America their Successors or Assigns shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract Or if the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America their Successors or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation *Or* if they the said Governors of the College of the Province of New York in the City of New York in America their Successors or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut Down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us our Heirs and Successors or Hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us Our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and Obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be Registered and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date there of in our Secretarys Office in our City of New York in our said

Province in one of the Books of Patents there Remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also Entered in our Auditors Office in and for our said Province And that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And We* do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed Shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* our said Trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at our Fort in Our City of New York the sixteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and seventy four And of our Reign the Fourteenth In Pursuance of and in Obedience to our Commands signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid.

SAMUEL AVERY'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 395-404]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting* Whereas our loving Subjects Samuel Avery, Garret Rapalje, William Butler, Jacob Townsend, Abraham Schenck, Davis Hunt, Lemuel Bunce, John Adams, John Cline, Joseph Hunt, John Hunt, John Felthausen, Henry Edwards, Edward Blagge, John Myers, Gerardus Myers, Jacobus Turk, John Van Sice, Lodowick Hinslee, John Anderson, John Stout, Henry Riker, Andrus Riker and Peter Riker by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the third day of June which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy two did set forth That there is a certain Tract of vacant Land in our said Province Situate between Lake Champlain and Connecticut River bounded as follows *Beginning* at the Distance of Nineteen Miles and Fifty Chains from the Mouth of Otter Creek on a Course South Forty three Degrees East and from the said Place of beginning East Eight

* Circa. Ripton and Hancock.

1. Vol. 30, p. 142.

Degrees South six Miles and Seventy Chains Thence South sixteen Degrees West six Miles and sixty five Chains Thence West twenty seven Degrees North six Miles and from thence to the place of beginning Containing about Twenty four Thousand Acres Which Tract of Land was in a Map of the Lands formerly claimed by Colonel John Henry Lydius known by the Name of Yorkshire[2] That the Petitioners were willing and desirous to Cultivate and improve the said Lands and therefore the Petitioners did humbly pray that our said Captain General *And* Governor in Chief would be favourably pleased to grant them our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land on the usual Terms Which Petition having been then referred to a Committee of our Council for our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners and their Heirs the Tract of Land described in their said Petition under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions *Provided* that the Lands therein prayed for had not been prior located or Petitioned for or granted under the Government of New Hampshire *And Whereas* the said Samuel Avery in Conjunction with Humphrey Avery and their Associates by their humble Petition[3] presented unto our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending there on in America and read in our said Council on the Fourteenth Day of June now last past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other Things in Substance That Colonel John Henry Lydius in the Year One thousand seven hundred and Thirty six for a very valuable Consideration (as he made the Petitioners believe) obtained a Deed[4] of Conveyance from the Native Indian Proprietors the Mohock Indians for a large Tract of Land lying East and adjoining to Lake Champlain including the River or Creek called Otter Creek That the said John Henry Lydius affirmed to the Petitioners that he in the Year one thousand seven hundred and Forty four by express Orders from our late Royal Grandfather to William Shirley Esquire then his Governor of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay obtained a Grant or Confirmation[5] for the same Lands that in the Year one thousand seven hundred and Sixty four The Petitioners by the Art of the said John Henry Lydius were induced to Purchase two Townships of the aforesaid large Tract of Land taking from him a Deed[6] with a Warranty for the same verily believing the said Lydius had an un-

2. For a clear and concise statement relative to the claim of John Henry Lydius to a tract of land on Otter Creek see *Vermont in the Making*, Jones (Harvard University Press) pp. 142-148. A manuscript map, probably drafted by Dr. Thomas Young, is in the archives of the Vermont Historical Society.

3. Vol. 34, p. 21.

4. Vol. 34, p. 10.

5. Vol. 34, p. 14.

6. Vol. 34, pp. 9 and 11.

doubted right and title to the same That afterwards when the same Petitioners were informed that the Claim and Pretentions of the said Lydius were disapproved by our Government of New York they refused to carry on a Settlement under Colour of their said Purchase being unwilling to make themselves obnoxious to Government That in the Month of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy two the same Petitioners made their Application to the aforesaid William Tryon Esquire our said Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York in Council praying for a Grant of the same Land to them that they had through Deception And mistake so Purchased of the said Lydius That in June One thousand seven hundred and seventy two Our Council for our said Province of New York were pleased to advise our said Governor and Commander in Chief to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners That agreeable thereto Our said Governor in Chief of the same Province of New York was pleased to grant to them his Warrants of Survey[7], and that the same Petitioners in Conformity thereto were at the great Expence of sending out and having an actual survey made of the Lands But that it unfortunately happened for the same petitioners that before the Return could be prepared by the Surveyor General for our said Province of New York to be laid before our said Governor in Chief the Door was shut against the granting of Lands since which Time the Petitioners had been held in very disagreeable Suspence. That the Lands prayed for by the same Petitioners are not within any of the French Seignories That they have not been granted by Our Government of New Hampshire. And that they are not embarrassed with the Claim and Pretentions of any Persons under our said Government of New York But that they lie on the West side of the Green Mountains and within Twenty Miles of the Western Waters. That there were one hundred and Twenty Persons that first Purchased the said Lands from the said Lydius And that the Petitioners have expended more than One thousand Pounds in the Purchase and in the Expences that have attended their Application to our said Government of New York and that the same had been unremitted ever since February One thousand Seven hundred and seventy two The Petitioners therefore humbly prayed our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favourably pleased to cause our Letters Patent at this Time to Issue to the Petitioners for the Land for which they had expended so much money and Trouble (Part of which they alledged had been expended on the Faith of our said Province of New York) if such Grant be not contrary to our Instructions which last mentioned Petition and the Equity therein having been duly considered Our Council for our said Province of New York did humbly Advise our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to grant by our Letters Patent to the Samuel Avery and the other Petitioners in the herein first above recited Petition the Quantity of Land prayed for in their said Petition under the

7. Vol. 34, p. 13.

usual Quit Rent Reservations and Restrictions *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Samuel Avery and the other Petitioners before named in the said first Recited Petition to *Wit* Garret Rapalje, William Butler, Jacob Townsend, Abraham Schenck, Davis Hunt, Samuel Bunce, John Adams, John Cline, Joseph Hunt, John Hunt, John Felthausen, Henry Edwards, Edward Blagge, John Myers, Gerardus Myers, Jacobus Turk, John Van Sice, Lodowick Hinslee, John Anderson, John Stout, Henry Riker, Andrus Riker and Peter Riker *All that* certain Tract or Parcell of Land Situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Charlotte *Beginning*[8] at the Distance of Nineteen Miles and Fifty Chains from the Mouth of Otter Creek where it Emptieth into the said Lake measured on a Course South Forty three Degrees East as run by Samuel Avery in the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy two at a Spruce or Fir Tree marked with the Letters *S A* on the Southerly side and *H A* on the Northerly side and this tract runs from the said Tree along the Southerly Bounds of a Certain Tract of Twenty Eight thousand Acres of Land laid out for Humphrey Avery[9] and his Associates South Eighty two Degrees East five hundred and fifty chains to the Southeast Corner of the said Tract of Twenty eight thousand Acres Thence South Sixteen Degrees West five hundred and forty five Chains Thence North Sixty four Degrees and thirty Minutes West five hundred and fifty four Chains and thence North Sixteen Degrees East three hundred and Seventy four Chains to the Place of Beginning Containing Twenty four thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the Eighteenth day of July now last past and Entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province of New York may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Samuel Avery and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns forever *Know Ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give

8. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 44.

9. See p. 425 post.

Samuel Avery came to Westminster, Vermont, about 1776. Was in Colonel Williams' Regiment.—Revolutionary Rolls, p. 36. Deputy Sheriff and keeper of the jail at Westminster in 1782-1784. Governor and Council, III, p. 269. Emigrated to the Susquehanna Valley in 1795, and later moved to Owego, N. Y., where he died in 1806, one of the wealthiest men of the state.—The Groton Avery Clan, Avery, vol. I, pp. 226-9.

grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Samuel Avery, Garret Rapalje, William Butler, Jacob Townsend, Abraham Schenck, Davis Hunt, Lemuel Bunce, John Adams, John Cline, Joseph Hunt, John Hunt, John Felthausen, Henry Edwards, Edward Blagge, John Myers, Gerardus Myers, Jacobus Turk, John Van Sice, Lodowick Hinslee, John Anderson, John Stout, Henry Riker, Andrus Riker, and Peter Riker, their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and form as above mentioned Together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto Belonging or appertaining. And Also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto Us our Heirs and Successors for ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver And also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and Equal Twenty fourth Part (the whole in Twenty four equal parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcell thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. *To be holden* of Us our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto us Our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any Lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if our said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the date of this Our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract *Or* of [if] they Our said Grantees or one of them their or one of their Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually

cultivate at the Least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are Capable of Cultivation *Or* if they our said Grantees or any of them their or any of them their or any of their Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to us Our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us Our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and Obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in Us Our Heirs and Successors as if this our present grant had not been made any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding, *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also Entered in our Auditors Office in and for our said Province, and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. *And* we do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* our said trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At our Fort in Our City of New York the Sixteenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy four and of our Reign the fourteenth.

HARRY GORDON TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 405-408]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* by Our Royal Order in Council Given at our Court at S[t] James's the Seventeenth Day of February which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six We were pleased with the Advice of our Privy Council to order that our Governor or Commander in Chief our Province of New York for the Time being should immediately on the Receipt of our said Royal Order cause Five thousand Acres of Land to be surveyed in one Contiguous Tract (conformable to the Directions of our Instructions with Regard to the manner of laying out Grants of Land) in such Part of our said Province as our loving Subject Captain Harry Gordon Engineer or his Attorney should choose not already granted or Surveyed to others and not possessed or claimed by the Indians and upon a Return of such survey Our said Governor or Commander in Chief should pass a Grant for the same to the said Harry Gordon under the Seal of our said Province upon the Terms Conditions and Reservations contained in our Royal Instructions to our said Governor And Whereas the said Harry Gordon hath chosen[1] that the said Five thousand Acres of Land should be laid out for him within certain vacant Lands on the East side of Lake Champlain within the County of Gloucester *Wherefore* in Obedience to our said Royal order and Instructions aforesaid our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Captain Harry Gordon Engineer *All* that certain Tract or Parcell of Land situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Gloucester *Beginning*[2] at the most Northerly Corner of a Tract of Twenty thousand Acres of Land lately granted to Luke Knoulton[3] and his Associates and runs from thence North Ten Degrees East three hundred and thirteen Chains and Fifty Links Thence South Forty seven Degrees East two hundred Chains Then South Ten Degrees West three hundred and thirteen Chains and fifty Links to the Northerly Bounds of the said Tract lately granted to the said Luke Knoulton and his Associates Thence along the same North Forty seven Degrees West Two hundred Chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing Five thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways *And* in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions, As by a Cer-

* A mandamus grant in the vicinity of Fletcher and Fairfield.

1. Vol 34, p. 30.
2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 63.
3. Kellybrook, see p. 408 ante.

tificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the Sixteenth day of August now last past and entered on Record in our Secretarys Office for our said Province may more fully appear. Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Harry Gordon his heirs and Assigns for ever, *Know ye* that of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed *And Do* by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto him the said Harry Gordon his Heirs and Assigns forever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and form as abovementioned Together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and Every Part and Parcel thereof and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, rents, Issues and profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our present Grant unto us our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines* of Gold and Silver and also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of us our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted *Ratified* and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto the said Harry Gordon his Heirs and Assigns To the only proper use and Behoof of him the said Harry Gordon his Heirs and Assigns forever *To be holden* of us Our Heirs and Successors in free and Common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto us Our Heirs and Successors at our Custom House in our City of New York unto our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every Hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any Lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof, *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said Harry Gordon his Heirs or Assigns shall not within three Years next after the Date of this our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Tract *Or* if he the said Harry Gordon his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effec-

tually cultivate at the least three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the Hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation *Or* if he the said Harry Gordon his Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these presents reserved to us, Our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of us our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this our present Grant and every Thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in us our Heirs and Successors as if this our present Grant had not been made any Thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also neverthess And we do hereby for us our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in our Secretarys Office in our City of New York in our said Province in One of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province and that in default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And We* do moreover of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this our present Grant being registered recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof whereof [sic] we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At our Fort in our City of New York the first day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of our Reign the Fourteenth *In Pursuance* of and in Obedience to our Commands signified in and by our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid.

HUMPHREY AVERY'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 418-424]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects Humphrey Avery, Jonathan Trumbell, Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Avery, Joseph Morgan, Solomon Morgan, Ebenezer Avery Junior, Latham Avery, John Perrett, Joseph Carpenter, Gardiner Carpenter, Ebenezer Whiting, Ebenezer Bacchus, Isaac Tracy, Zebdiel Rogers, Theophilus Rogers, Benjamin Butler, Joseph Gale, William Morgan, Joseph Rose, Daniel Lathrop, Joshua Lathrop, Job Tyler, Gershom Breed, Peter Lanman, Samuel Coit, Isaac Coit and Benjamin Coit by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of New York and read in our Council for Our said Province on the third day of June which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two did set forth That there is a Certain Tract of vacant Land in Our said Province situate between Lake Champlain and Connecticut River bounded as follows *Beginning* at the Distance of Nineteen Miles and fifty Chains from the Mouth of Otter Creek, where it emtieth itself into the said Lake Champlain on a Course South forty three Degrees East and from the place of Beginning East eight Degrees South six Miles and seventy Chains thence North sixteen Degrees East six Miles and twenty Chains thence West seven Miles and thirty Chains and from thence to the Place of *Beginning Containing* about Twenty Eight thousand Acres which Tract of Land was in a Map of the Lands formerly claimed by Colonel John Henry Lydius[2] known by the Name of North Britain That the Petitioners were willing and desirous to Cultivate and improve the same And therefore the Petitioners humbly prayed that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant them Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land on the Usual Terms Which Petition having been referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province Our said Council did Afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly Advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Our Letters Patent grant unto the said Petitioners and their heirs the Tract of Land described in their said Petition under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions *Provided* that the Lands therein prayed for had not been prior located or Petitioned for or granted under the Govvernment of New Hampshire *And Whereas* the said Humphrey Avery in Conjunction with Samuel Avery and their Associates by their humble Petition[3] presented unto Our Trusty and well beloved Cadwal-

* Circa. Lincoln and Warren.

1. Vol. 30, p. 143.
2. See note 2, Samuel Avery's Patent, p. 416 ante.
3. Vol. 34, pp. 9 and 21.

lader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our said Council on the fourteenth day of June now last past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other Things in Substance That Colonel John Henry Lydius in the Year one thousand seven hundred and thirty six for a very valuable Consideration (as he made the Petitioners believe) obtained a Deed[4] of Conveyance from the Native Indian Proprietors the Mohock Indians for a large Tract of Land lying East and adjoining to Lake Champlain including the River or Creek called Otter Creek That the said John Henry Lydius affirmed to the Petitioners that he in the Year one thousand seven hundred and forty four by express Orders from our late Royal Grandfather to William Shirley Esquire then his Governor of the Province of the Massachusets Bay obtained a grant or Confirmation[5] for the same Lands, That in the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four the Petitioners by the Art of the said John Henry Lydius were induced to purchase two Townships of the aforesaid large Tract of Land taking from him a Deed with a Warranty[6] for the same verily believing the said Lydius had an undoubted Right and Title to the same That afterwards when the same Petitioners were informed that the Claim and Pretentions of the said Lydius were disapproved by Our Government of New York they refused to carry on a Settlement under Colour of their said Purchase being unwilling to make themselves obnoxious to Government That in the month of February One thousand seven hundred and seventy two the same Petitioners made their Application to the aforesaid William Tryon Esquire Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief of our said Province of New York in Council praying for a grant of the same Land to them that they had through Deception and mistake so purchased of the said Lydius That in June one thousand seven hundred and seventy two Our Council for our said Province of New York were pleased to Advise Our said Governor and Commander in Chief to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners That agreeable thereto Our said Governor in Chief of the same Province of New York was pleased to grant to them his Warrants of Survey[7] and that the same Petitioners in Conformity thereto were at the great Expence of sending out and having an Actual Survey made of the Lands But that it unfortunately happened for the same Petitioners that before the return could be prepared by the Surveyor General for Our said Province of New York to be laid before Our said Governor in Chief the Door was shut against the granting of Lands since which time the Petitioners had been held in very disagreeable Suspence That the Lands prayed for by the same Petitioners are not within any of the French Seignories That they have not been granted by our Government of New Hampshire and

4. Vol. 34, p. 10.
5. Vol. 34, p. 14.
6. Vol. 34, pp. 9 and 11.
7. Vol. 34, p. 13.

that they are not embarrassed with the Claim and Pretentions of any Persons under Our said Government of New York But that they lie on the West side of the Green Mountains and within Twenty Miles of the Western Waters That there were One hundred and Twenty Persons that first Purchased the said Lands from the said Lydius and that the Petitioners have expended more than One thousand Pounds in the Purchase and in the Expences that have attended their Application to our said Government of New York and that the same had been unremitted ever since February one thousand seven hundred and seventy two The Petitioners *Therefore* humbly prayed Our Said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favorably pleased to cause Our Letters Patent at this time to issue to the Petitioners for the Land for which they had expended so much money and Trouble (Part of which they alledged had been expended on the Faith of Our said Province of New York) if such grant be not contrary to Our Instructions which last mentioned Petition and the Equity therein having been duly considered Our Council for Our said Province of New York did humbly Advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to grant by Our Letters Patent to the said Humphrey Avery and the other Petitioners in the herein first above recited Petition the Quantity of Land prayed for in their said Petition under the usual Quit Rent Reservations and Restrictions *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province of New York have set out for the said Humphrey Avery and the other Petitioners before Named in the said first recited Petition (to wit) Jonathan Trumbell, Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Avery, Joseph Morgan, Solomon Morgan, Ebenezer Avery Junior, Latham Avery, John Perrett, Joseph Carpenter, Gardiner Carpenter, Ebenezer Whiting, Ebenezer Bacchus, Isaac Tracy, Zebdiel Rogers, Theophilas Rogers, Benjamin Butler, Joseph Gale, William Morgan, Joseph Rose, Daniel Lathrop, Joshua Lathrop, Job Tyler, Gershom Breed, Peter Lanman, Samuel Coit, Isaac Coit and Benjamin Coit *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Charlotte *Beginning*[8] at the Distance of Nineteen Miles and fifty Chains from the Mouth of Otter Creek where it emptieth into the said Lake measured on a Course South Forty three Degrees East (as run by Samuel Avery in the year One thousand seven hundred and seventy two) at a Spruce or Fir Tree marked with the Letters *H A* on the Northerly side and the Letters *S A* on the Southerly Side and this Tract runs from the said Tree North sixteen Degrees East five hundred and Seventy six Chains and fifty Links Thence South seventy four Degrees East Five hundred and forty six Chains and fifty Links thence South Sixteen degrees

8. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 45.

Humphrey Avery was born at Groton, Connecticut in 1725; was a member of the Susquehanna Land Company, and a brother of Samuel. He died about 1789.—The Groton Avery Clan, I, pp. 222-223.

West Five hundred Chains and thence North Eighty two Degrees West Five hundred and fifty Chains to the place of *Beginning* Containing Twenty eight thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land our said Commissioners have had Regard to the Profitable and unprofitable acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the fourteenth day of the Month of July now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretarys Office for Our said Province of New York may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our Said Royal Instructions We being willing to Grant to the said Humphrey Avery and his said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Humphrey Avery, Jonathan Trumbell, Hezekiah Huntington, Ebenezer Avery, Joseph Morgan, Solomon Morgan, Ebenezer Avery Junior, Latham Avery, John Perrett, Joseph Carpenter, Gardiner Carpenter, Ebenezer Whiting, Ebenezer Bacchus, Isaac Tracy, Zebdiel Rogers, Theophilus Rogers, Benjamin Butler, Joseph Gale, William Morgan, Joseph Rose, Daniel Lathrop, Joshua Lathrop, Job Tyler, Gershom Breed, Peter Lanman, Samuel Coit, Isaac Coit and Benjamin Coit their heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or or [sic] Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned Together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all White or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and Upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty eighth part (the whole into twenty eight equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and parcel thereof with the Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants To be holden of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great

Britain Yielding rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly rent of Two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services dues duties and demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof *Provided* always and upon Condition Nevertheless that if Our said Grantees their heirs or Assigns or some or one of them shall not within three Years next after the Date of this Our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract *Or* if they Our *said* Grantees or one of them their or one of their Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three Years to be computed as aforesaid plant and effectually Cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation *Or* if they Our said Grantees or any of them their or any of their Heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by their or any of their Privity Consent or procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us Our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal Licence of Us Our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this Our present Grant and every Thing therein Contained shall cease and be absolutely void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall revert to and vest in Us Our heirs and Successors as if this Our present Grant had not been made any thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any Wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six months from the Date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docket thereof shall be Also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for our said Province And that in default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And We* do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this Our present Grant being Registered, Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and Appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any Wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or

intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At our Fort in Our City of New York the sixth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of Our Reign the Fourteenth.

(NEW) RUTLAND*—A Compensatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 427-433]

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subject Nathan Stone in behalf of himself and thirty nine other Persons his Associates therein Named by his humble Petition[1] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the fifteenth day of June which was in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy two did among other Things set forth that no part of the Tract of Land in his said Petition mentioned and described was ever granted either by the Governments of New Hampshire or Canada and did humbly pray Our Letters Patent for the same by the following Descripton to wit All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte on the East side of Lake Champlain *Beginning* at the Easternmost Corner of a Tract of Land Petitioned for by Abel Walker and others and runs thence South fifteen degrees West five hundred and sixteen Chains thence North seventy five degrees West eight hundred and seventy one Chains thence North fifteen degrees East seven hundred and thirteen Chains thence South thirty degrees East four hundred and eighty Chains Then East five hundred and fifty Chains to the Place of Beginning Containing Forty thousand Acres of Land and the Usual allowance for Highways in Compensation for a certain Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Rutland formerly claimed by them under a pretended grant thereof made in our Government of New Hampshire and which hath since Wholly been granted to others by Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of Our said Province of New York and did further pray that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of New Rutland with the Usual Priviledges *Which Petition* having been then and there referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said

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* Circa Swanton, Sheldon and Fairfield. Called New Rutland in the first petition and Council Minutes.

1. Vol. 31, p. 16.

Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief might grant the Prayer thereof not to exceed the Quantity of Twenty three thousand Acres Provided the same did not interefere with any Prior Grant Location or Petition or with the French Claim of the Government of Canada and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Rutland with the usual Priviledges *And Whereas* the said Nathan Stone and his Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto Our Trusty and Well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our said Council on the fourteenth day of June now last past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other Things in Substance That the Petitioners had since at a very great Expence procured an Actual Survey of the said Land so advised to be granted to them in Consequence of and in Reliance upon the said Advice that although the Lands so advised to be granted to and Surveyed and Returned for the Petitioners do lie within the district formerly claimed by Our Government of New Hampshire yet no part thereof was ever Patented either under that Government or the French Government of Canada but always remained as it now does vacant and vested in Us That the Petitioners did humbly hope that their hard Case would be conceived to be within the Equity of Our Royal Instructions for granting such Lands as were already Advised to be granted to and Actually Surveyed for Our Subjects on the Terms hitherto usual The Petitioners did therefore humbly Pray Our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably Pleased to order Our Letters Patent to pass the Great Seal of Our said Province to the Persons Named in the Schedule to their said Petition thereunto Subjoined being Twenty three of the Forty persons named in the first above recited Petition for the said Twenty three thousand Acres of Land so advised to be granted to and Surveyed as aforesaid and that the same might be Erected into a Township by the Name of *Rutland* with the usual Priviledges on Consideration whereof and the Equity therein contained having been duly considered Our said Council for our said Province did humbly Advise that Our said Lieutenant Governor should by Our Letters Patent grant to the said Nathan Stone and his Associates the Quantity of Land prayed for in their said last recited Petition under the usual Quit Rent Restrictions and Reservations and that the said Lands be Erected into a Township by the Name of Rutland with the Priviledge usually granted to other Townships within Our said Province *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said Nathan Stone and his Associates (to wit) Waldron Blaau, James Abeel, Robert

2. Vol. 34, p. 24.

McGinnis, Garret Vandenbergh, Samuel Wells, John Church, James Rogers, Samuel Stevens, John Abeel, James Cobham, John L. C. Roome, Joshua Cresum, Francis Groome, Edward McCollom, Adam Vandenbergh Junior, Adam Vandenbergh, Richard M.Ginnis, William Kennedy, John McGinnis, Samuel Knight, Jonathan Hobbs, and Francis Stevens *All that* certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte on the East side of Lake Champlain *Beginning*[3] at a Beech Tree cornered and marked with the Letters and figures *L K, S R, W C, T B* 1772 which Tree is the Northeast corner of a Certain Tract of Twenty five thousand Acres of Land laid out for Josiah Willard[4] and his Associates and runs from the said Northeast corner East Twelve Chains and Sixty Links thence North four hundred and sixty Chains thence West five hundred and twenty five Chains thence South four hundred and Sixty Chains to the Northwest corner of the said Tract laid out for Josiah Willard and then along their North Bounds East five hundred and twelve Chains and forty Links to the Place where this Tract first began Containing Twenty three thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and Unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not Extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the fifteenth day of July in this present Year and entered on Record in Our Secretarys Office for Our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Nathan Stone and his said Associates their heirs and Assigns forever with the several Priviledges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* That of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And Do by these Presents for Us Our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Nathan Stone, Waldron Blaau, James Abeel, Robert McGinnis, Garret Vandenbergh, Samuel Wells, John Church, James Rogers, Samuel Stevens, John Abeel, James Cobham, John L. C. Roome, Joshua Cresum, Francis Groome, Edward McCollom, Adam Vandenbergh Junior, Adam Vandenbergh, Richard McGinnis, William Kennedy, John McGinnis, Samuel Knight, Jonathan Hobbs and Francis Stevens their heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set Out abutted bounded and Described in Manner and form as above mentioned together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining *And* also all our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 46.
4. Meath, see p. 457 post.

For note on Nathan Stone see p. 331 ante.

and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal three and twentieth part (the whole into Twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants To be holden of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continued and remain and by the Name of *Rutland* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six months from the Date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province And that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be Void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof

in any wise notwithstanding *And* We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other imperfections or omissions of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said trusty and well-beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at Our Fort in Our City of New York the Eighth day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of Our Reign the Fourteenth.

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[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 444-452]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth To all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects Jacobus Montanije and twenty six other Persons his Associates did by their humble Petition[1] presented unto Our late Trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the fifteenth day of April which was in the year Of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven set forth that there was a certain Tract of Land situate on the West side of Connecticut River within Our said Province of New York to the Westward of and adjoining a certain Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Peacham to the Northward of Lands advised to be granted to Piere G. DePeyster and others and bounded on the East and North by vacant Land That the Petitioners were desirous to Cultivate and improve the same And did therefore humbly pray that as the aforesaid Lands were never granted under the Government of New Hampshire and were vacant Our said Captain General and Commander in Chief would be favorably pleased by Our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioners and their heirs the aforesaid Tract of Land in the Proportion of one thousand Acres to each of them And that the same might be Erected into a Township by the Name of NewBrook with the usual Privileges *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of Our said Council for our said Province

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* Circa. Cabot and Marshfield.

1. Vol. 22, p. 142.

Our said Council did Afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Our Letters Patent Grant unto the said Jacobus Montanije and the other Persons Named as Petitioners with him and their heirs in equal Proportions a Tract of vacant Lands described in their said Petition of the Contents of six Miles Square or twenty three Thousand and forty Acres under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions. Provided that such Grant did not interfere with any prior Location And Whereas Our loving subjects John Felthausen and his Associates whose Names are mentioned in a List or Schedule to their Petition[2] annexed Creditors of Jacobus De La Montanije late of the City of New York deceased by their said Petition presented unto Our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Our said Province of New York and read in Our said Council for Our said Province on the twenty ninth day of June now last past did set forth that in the year One thousand seven hundred and sixty seven upon the Application of the said Jacobus De La Montanije he obtained an Order of Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief by and with the Consent and Advice of Our said Council for granting to him and his Associates a certain Tract of vacant Land vested in Us situate on the West side of Connecticut River now within the County of Gloucester between the Tract of Land granted to John Morin Scott and others by the Name of Kingsborough and the Said Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Peacham and to extend Southerly and Northerly so as to comprehend the Quantity of Twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways which was solely for the Benefit of the said Jacobus De La Montanije That the said Tract of Land was within Our Government of New York and had never been granted by the Government of New Hampshire nor was it within any of the French Seignories or imbarrassed by any prior Applications under Our said Government of New York That in Pursuance thereof the said Jacobus De La Montanije had caused the said Tract of Land to be actually surveyed but before such Survey could be Returned to Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief the said Jacobus De La Montanije died Insolvent and much indebted to the Petitioners and the Petitioners cant find any Estate whether Real or Personal to satisfy a very great demand due to them except the Tract of Land aforesaid in the discovery whereof the said Jacobus DeLa Montanije expended very considerable Sums of Money so that he might be enabled to point out the Bounds with Precision and certainly all which Monies were in Fact the Monies of the Petitioners Creditors of said Jacobus De La Montanije That the Petitioners in the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy two presented their Petition[3] to Our Trusty and well

2. Vol. 34, p. 28.
3. Vol. 31, p. 20.

beloved William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province of New York in Council praying that Our Letters Patent might Issue to them for the Land above described which would in some measure make them Satisfaction for their Monies that the said Jacobus De La Montanije had expended in his Idle Pursuits after those matters which they were wholely unable to save in any other way. That on such Application Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief William Tryon Esquire and our said Council were pleased to Order that the former Associates of the said Jacobus De La Montanije should be notified and Inquiry made of them whether they had any Objections to the Prayer of the Petitioners being granted And also that the Creditors of the said Jacobus De La Montanije should be notified that they might all appear and be equally benefited according to the sums of their several and respective demands that in Obedience to the said Order the Petitioners did cause an Advertisement several Weeks successively to be Published in Hugh Gaines Weekly Paper desiring the Creditors of the said Jacobus De La Montanije to exhibit their Accounts properly Authenticated to the Said John Felthausen one of the Petitioners and one of the Creditors of the said Jacobus De La Montanije That in compliance with which Request sundry Persons did deliver in their Accounts to the said John Felthausen so that the various Creditors and the sums of the several Debts due to them were well known That also on Application made to the former Associates of the said Jacobus De La Montanije they consented to give up all Right and Pretension to the aforesaid Tract of Land in favor of the Petitioners. The Petitioners did therefore humbly pray that in Consideration of the Equity of their Case Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant to the Petitioners Our Letters Patent for the Tract of Land above described in such form as to include the Quantity of Twenty three thousand and forty Acres and the usual allowance for highways under such Regulations Provisoes and Restrictions as were prescribed by Our Royal Instructions and that the same might be erected into a Township and vested with the usual Priviledges granted to other Townships within Our said Province of New York On due consideration of which said last recited Petition and it appearing that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been advised to be granted and of the Equity set forth in the said last recited Petition, Our Council for Our said Province did humbly advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief by Our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioner and his Associates in the said last recited Petition named and their heirs the Tract of Land in their said Petition described and prayed for under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes and Restrictions and that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said John Felthausen and his Associates (to wit)

Hugh Wallace, Alexander Wallace, John McKenny, Junior, Nicholas Low, John Pool, Henry Devon, Samuel Avery, John Fowler, John Carpenter, Davis Hunt, John Stout, John Ellison, John Ellison Junior, Jacobus Turk, John Cline, John Shatford Jones, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Beck, Benjamin Stout, Edward Blagge, and John L. C. Roome *All that* certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within Our Province of New York *Beginning*[4] at the most Easterly corner of the Township of *Penryn*[5] and runs thence along the said Township North fifty seven Degrees West one hundred and thirty five Chains to a Tract of One thousand Acres of Land granted to Captain James Neal[6] then along his bounds North thirty Degrees East one hundred and six chains And North fifty seven degrees West one hundred chains to the bounds of the Township of Kingsborough[7] and then along the same North thirty degrees East sixty nine chains and fifty links to the Northeast corner of the said Township and thence along the most Northerly Bounds thereof North sixty degrees West one hundred and ninety chains to the bounds of the Township of *Truro*[8] and then along the same and the Bounds of the Township of Norbury[9] North thirty degrees East four hundred and thirty Chains and fifty Links thence South sixty degrees East five hundred and thirteen Chains and forty six Links and then South thirty eight degrees and thirteen Minutes West six hundrd and twenty four chains and thirty links to the Place where this Tract first began *Containing* twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres And have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the ninth day of August now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretarys Office for Our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said John Felthausen and his said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers herein after mentioned *Know Ye* That of Our Especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and Do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Felthausen, Hugh Wallace, Alexander Wallace, John McKenney Junior, Nicholas Low, John Poole, Henry Devoer, Samuel Avery, John Fowler, John

4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 88.
5. See p. 307 ante.
6. This grant not located—probably a Military Patent.
7. See p. 144 ante.
8. See p. 303 ante.
9. See p. 336 ante.

Carpenter, Davis Hunt, John Stout, John Ellison, John Ellison Junior, Jacobus Turk, John Cline, John Shatford Jones, Samuel Stevens, Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Beck, Benjamin Stout, Edward Blagge and John L. C. Roome their heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as above mentioned together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and Parcel thereof Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines* of Gold and Silver and also all White or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and successors *To have and to hold* One full and equal twenty third part (the whole into Twenty three equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively to their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom house in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being On the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Sidney* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and Appoint that this Our present Grant shall be registred and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province And that in default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And We do* moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion consent and agree that this Our present Grant being Registred Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and Appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding misnaming or Other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above Granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our Trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At Our Fort in Our City of New York the twenty seventh day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy four And of Our Reign the Fourteenth.

WICKHAM*

[N. Y. Land Patent, vol. 16, pp. 471-476]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects Phineas Lyman, John Hindsdale, Samuel Field and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto Our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the Thirty first day of May which was in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy one did set forth in Substance That they had discovered a certain Tract of Land Situate lying and being to the West of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester within Our said Province never Granted by the Government of New Hampshire but still vacant and Vested in Us bounded to the East on part of the West bounds of a Tract of Land pretended to be granted by the said Government of

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*Covered part of present Brookfield, Randolph, Roxbury and Braintree.

1. Vol. 28, p. 13.

New Hampshire by the Name of Tunbridge and to extend from thence Westerly Southerly and Northerly so as to include the vacant Lands between the Townships of Middlesex and Leyden and Southerly on the Westerly line of the Township of Middlesex so far that the whole shall comprehend Thirty six thousand Acres of Land and that they intended making immediate Improvement thereon And therefore humbly prayed that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by Our Letters Patent to grant unto them and their Associates and their Heirs for ever in equal Proportions the above described Tract of vacant Land under the Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions and that the same might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges which Petition Having been then referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same day in Pursuance of the Report of the same Committee humbly Advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Our Letters Patent grant unto the said Phineas Lyman, John Hindsdale, Samuel Field and their Associates and their Heirs the Tract and Quantity of Land in their said Petition prayed for mentioned and described under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions with proper Clauses in Our Letters Patent erecting the said Tract into a Township with the Usual Privileges according to the Prayer of their said Petition *Provided* that the Lands prayed for by the said Petitioners had not been prior located and that the said Petitioners exhibited to the Board the Names of their Associates before the issuing of their Grant *And Whereas* the said Phineas Lyman, John Hindsdale and Samuel Field in behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto Our Trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the twenty ninth day of June now last past reciting the proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other things in Substance That in Pursuance of the said Order the Petitioners caused an actual Survey and return to be made of the said Tract of Land so advised to be granted to them as aforesaid no Part whereof was ever granted by our Government of New Hampshire or the French Government of Canada but always remained as it then did Vacant and Vested in Us That in and by the said Order of Council it was directed that previous to the issuing of Letters Patent for the aforesaid Tract of Land a List of the Names of the Petitioners Associates should be laid before the Gentlemen of Our Council which the Petitioners beged [sic] leave to present to Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief And the Petitioners did therefore most humbly pray that when Our Letters Patent should issue for the Tract of Land aforesaid the same

2. Vol. 34, p. 37.

might pass in the Names of the Petitioners and their Associates who were mentioned in a Schedule thereunto Subjoined On due consideration of which said last recited Petition and it appearing that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been Advised to be granted to the Petitioners and of the Equity set forth in the said last recited Petition Our Council for Our said Province did humbly Advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief by Our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates And their Heirs the Tract of Land in their said last recited Petition described under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes and Restrictions *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for them the said Phineas Lyman, John Hindsdale, Samuel Field and for their Associates to wit Richard Morris, Israel Williams, Stephen Ward, William Williams, Israel Williams Junior, Samuel Patridge, John Chester Williams, Obadiah Dickinson, Elijah Dickinson, Eleazer Porter, Elijah Lyman, Elias Lyman, Joshua Ferris, Samuel Tredwell, Philip Pell, Jonathan Fowler, Stephen Sneden, Samuel Sneden, Joel Lyman, Phineas Lyman Junior, Benjamin Sheldon, Samuel Hopkins, Benjamin Colt, John Eastman, John Taylor, John Taylor Junior, William Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Edward Taylor, James Rivington, Thomas Seabrook, John De Lancey and Jacob Lint *All* that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Gloucester *Beginning*[3] at a certain Beech Tree marked with the Letters and Figures *P M, E W 1767* for the Southwest corner of the Township of Charlotte which Tree is likewise the Beginning of the Township of Middlesex[4] and this Tract runs from thence along the Bounds of the said Township of Charlotte[5] North thirty degrees East Two hundred and sixty seven chains to the Southwest Bounds of the Township of Leyden[6] or to the Continuation thereof thence along the said Bounds and the Continuation thereof North sixty degrees West six hundred and twenty nine Chains and fifty links then South forty degrees West Nine hundred and fourteen Chains then South sixty degrees East three hundred and twenty seven Chains to the Bounds of the said Township of Middlesex and then along the same North forty degrees East six hundred and sixty four chains to the most Northerly corner of the said Township and thence along the Northeast bounds thereof South fifty seven degrees East three hundred and fifty chains to the Beech Tree where this Tract first began Containing thirty six thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 96.
4. Part of present townships of Randolph and Bethel—see p. 95 ante.
5. Charlotte, present township of Chelsea, see p. 120 ante.
6. See p. 155 ante.

Phineas Lyman was a prominent lawyer of Northampton, Massachusetts.—Lyman Genealogy; Jones, Vermont in the Making, p. 105.

have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twenty sixth Day of August now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretarys Office for Our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Phineas Lyman, John Hindsdale, Samuel Field, Richard Morris, Israel Williams, Stephen Ward, William Williams, Israel Williams Junior, Samuel Patridge, John Chester Williams, Obadiah Dickinson, Elijah Dickinson, Eleazor Porter, Elijah Lyman, Elias Lyman, Joshua Ferris, Samuel Tredwell, Philip Pell, Jonathan Fowler, Stephen Sneden, Samuel Sneden, Joel Lyman, Phineas Lyman Junior, Benjamin Sheldon, Samuel Hopkins, Benjamin Colt, John Eastman, John Taylor, John Taylor Junior, William Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Edward Taylor, James Rivington, Thomas Seabrook, John De Lancey and Jacob Lint their heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and form as above mentioned Together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining *And Also* all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our Heirs and Successors for Ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* and also all White or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirty sixth Part (the whole into thirty six equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and Confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants To be holden of Us Our Heirs and Successors in Free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House

in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and So in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or parcel of Land herein granted and every part and parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Wickham* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six months from the Date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also Entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province and that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding *And We do* moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At Our Fort in Our City of New York the twenty seventh Day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of Our Reign the Fourteenth.

ST. GEORGE*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 477-487]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects John Woods, Charles Nicoll, Evert Bancker, James Sacket, Isaac Heron and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto Our Trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the sixth day of June which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy did set forth that there was a certain Tract of Land Situated Westward of Connecticut River within Our said Province lying on each side of a Brook or Creek that issues out of a large Mountain which Brook empties into Lake Humfrey Megogg containing about Thirty Thousand Acres of Land fit for Cultivation and Vested in Us and that no part thereof had ever been granted by the Government of New Hampshire nor located by any other Person or Persons And therefore the Petitioners humbly prayed that Our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased to grant unto them and their Associates the Lands above mentioned under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions *Which Petition* having been then refferred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly Advise and Consent that Our said Lieutenant Governor should by Our Letters Patent grant to the Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Lands prayed for and described in their said Petition according to the Prayer thereof under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions *Provided* that the Lands therein described and prayed for had not been granted by the Government of New Hampshire *And Whereas* the said John Woods, Charles Nicoll, Evert Bancker, Isaac Heron and their Associates by their Petition[2] presented unto Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province and read in Our said Council for Our said Province on the twenty ninth day of June now last past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other things in Substance That in Pursuance of the said Order the Petitioners caused an Actual Survey and return to be made of the Tract of Land so advised to be granted to them as aforesaid no Part whereof was ever granted by Our Government of New Hampshire or the French Government of Canada but always remained as it now does Vacant and Vested in Us The Petitioners did therefore most humbly pray that when Letters

* Circa, present Coventry and Newport.

1. Vol. 26, p. 121.

2. Vol. 34, p. 34.

Patent should Issue for the Tract of Land aforesaid the same might pass in the Names of the Persons mentioned in the Schedule to their said Petition annexed and be Bounded as follows Beginning[3] at a red Ash Tree standing on a Point the West side of the said Lake Mamphrey Magogg near the South end thereof which said Tree is marked with the Letters *I W - I K - M C* and a small red Ash Tree standing fifty Links on a Course South twenty two degrees East from the First mentioned red Ash Tree which last Tree is marked with the Letters *A C - I A - I R* and three Maple Trees growing from one Root standing fifty one Links on a Course North Twenty two degrees West from the first mentioned red Ash Tree which said three Maples are Blazed and Marked with three Notches and running thence North Eighty one degrees West one hundred and fifty six Chains thence South twenty five degrees West seven hundred and seventy two Chains thence East seven hundred and twenty Chains thence North five hundred and sixty Chains thence North forty five Degrees West one hundred And twenty five Chains to the said Lake thence along the said Lake South Fifty six degrees West thirty Chains Thence South nine Degrees West fifty six Chains thence North eighty one degrees West twenty Chains thence South nine Degrees West forty chains thence North Eighty one Degrees West one hundred and four Chains and thence North five degrees East one hundred and twenty Chains to the place of Beginning Containing thirty thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways and that the said Tract of Land might be erected into a Township by the Name of *S^t George* On due Consideration of which said last recited Petition and it appearing that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been advised to be granted to the *Petitioners* and of the equity set forth in the said last recited Petition Our Council for Our said Province did humbly advise Our said Lieutenant Governor by Our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates and their Heirs the Tract of Land in their said last recited Petition described and prayed for under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes and Restrictions and that the said Tract of Land should be erected into a Township by the Name of *S^t George* with the usual Privileges *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for them the said John Woods, Charles Nicoll, Evert Bancker, Isaac Heron and their Associates to wit Joseph Allicocke, John Antill, Isaac Henry VanVleck, Frederick Bassett, Richard Hatfield, Henry H Kip, John L. C. Roome, Peter Ogilvie, Richard Varick, William Stewart, Thomas Lupton, John Sydell, John Wigram, Hezekiah Spelman, Valentine Lower, John Shatfield Jones, William Pagan, Samuel Boyer, Jacob Williams, Thomas Austin, James Moran, Thomas Stevenson, Samuel Knight, Thomas Stewart, Benjamin Burt and William Willard

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 62.

For note on John Woods see p. 161 ante.

All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River on each side of a Brook or Creek that issues out of a Large Mountain and empties into Lake Umfree Megogg in the County of Gloucester Beginning at a red Ash Tree standing on a Point on the West side of the said Lake near the South end thereof which Tree is marked with the Letters *I W, I K, M C* a small red Ash Tree standing at the distance of Two Rods on a Course South twenty two Degrees East is marked with the Letters *A C, I A, I R* and three Maples Trees growing from one Root standing at the distance of fifty one links on a Course North twenty two degrees West are blazed and marked with three Notches And this Tract runs from the said first mentioned red Ash Tree North Eighty one degrees West One hundred and fifty six Chains then South twenty five Degrees West seven hundred and seventy two chains Then East seven hundred and twenty chains then North five hundred and sixty chains then North forty five degrees West one hundred and twenty Five Chains to the said Lake Umfree Megogg and then Southerly Westerly and Northerly along the same to the place where this Tract first began Containing thirty thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways exclusive of a Lake lying within the said Tract And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have Had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twelfth Day of August now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretarys Office for Our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our heirs and Successors give Grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Woods, Charles Nicoll, Evert Bancker, Isaac Heron, Joseph Allicocke, John Antill, Isaac Henry Van Vleck, Frederick Bassett, Richard Hatfield, Henry H. Kip, John L. C. Roome, Peter Ogilvie, Richard Varick, William Stewart, Thomas Lupton, John Sydell, John Wigram, Hezekiah Spelman, Valentine Lower, John Shatford Jones, William Pagan, Samuel Boyer, Jacob Wilkins, Thomas Austin, James Moran, Thomas Stevenson, Samuel Knight, Thomas Stewart, Benjamin Burt and William Willard their Heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in Manner and Form as above mentioned together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand what-

soever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof *Except* and always Reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal thirtieth part (the whole into Thirty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) Unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively, To their only proper and seperate Use and behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants, to be holden of Us Our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto Us Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents, Services dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *S^t George* for ever hereafter to called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and entered on Record within six months from the date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province And that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be Void and of none effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in

any Wise Notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and Agree That this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other imperfection or Omission of in or in any Wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At Our Fort in Our City of New York the tenth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of Our Reign the fifteenth.

TRACT OF HARRY GORDON,* heir of PETER GORDON, deceased

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 497-501]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* by Our Royal Order in Council Given at Our Court at S^{t} James's the Seventeenth day of February which was in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty six We were pleased with the Advice of Our Privy Council to Order that Our Governor or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York for the Time being should immediately on the Receipt of Our said Royal Order cause Five thousand Acres of Land to be Surveyed in one Contiguous Tract (Conformable to the Directions of Our Instructions with regard to the manner of laying out Grants of Land) in such Part of Our said Province as Our loving Subject Peter Gordon or his Attorney should choose not already Granted or surveyed to others and not possessed or claimed by the Indians and that upon a return of such Survey Our said Governor or Commander in Chief should pass a Grant for the same to the said Peter Gordon under the Seal of Our said Province upon the Terms Conditions and Reservations contained in Our Royal Instructions to Our said Governor *And Whereas* Our loving Subject Captain Harry Gordon by his humble Petition[1] presented to Our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America did among other Things in Substance set forth That he was Brother and Heir at Law to the said Peter Gordon

* A mandamus grant in the vicinity of Fletcher and Fairfield.

1. Vol. 23, p. 132

who was deceased and humbly conceived himself intitled to a Patent for the Lands so ordered by Us to be granted to the said Peter Gordon especially as Our Council for Our said Province had advised Grants to be issued to others under the like Circumstances and did therefore humbly pray that Our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased to grant the said Five thousand Acres of Land directed by Our said Royal Order in Council to be granted to the said Peter Gordon to him the said Harry Gordon in Right of his deceased Brother and that the said Five thousand Acres of Land might be laid out for him on the East side of Lake Champlain and adjoining to a Tract of Land located by him the said Captain Harry Gordon *Wherefore* in Obedience to Our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said Harry Gordon Esquire Brother and Heir at Law to the said Peter Gordon deceased *All that* certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Gloucester, Beginning[2] in the Northerly Bounds of a Tract of Land lately granted to Luke Knoulton[3] and others at the most Southerly Corner of a Tract of Five thousand Acres of Land laid out for the said Harry Gordon[4] and runs thence along the Bounds of the last mentioned Tract North ten Degrees East three hundred and thirteen Chains and fifty links thence South Forty seven Degrees East two hundred Chains then South ten degrees West three hundred and thirteen Chains and fifty links to the said Northerly Bounds of the Tract granted to Luke Knoulton and others and then along the same North Forty seven degrees West two hundred Chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing five thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and Unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the sixteenth day of August now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province may more fully appear which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Harry Gordon his Heirs and Assigns for ever *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto him the said Harry Gordon his heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned together with all

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 64.
3. Kellybrook, see p. 408 ante.
4. See p. 422 ante.

and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents issues and Profits thereof and of every part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto the said Harry Gordon his heirs and Assigns To the only proper Use and Behoof of him the said Harry Gordon his heirs and Assigns for ever *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and Paying therefore yearly And every Year for ever unto Us Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly rent of Two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof *Provided* always and upon Condition nevertheless That if the said Harry Gordon his heirs or Assigns shall not within three years next after the Date of this Our present Grant settle on the said Tract of Land hereby granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every thousand Acres of the same Tract, Or if he the said Harry Gordon his Heirs or Assigns shall not also within three years to be computed as aforesaid Plant and effectually Cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation Or if he the said Harry Gordon his heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us Our Heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal License of Us Our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained That then and in any of these Cases this Our Present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and by [sic] absolutely Void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall Revert to and Vest in Us Our Heirs and Successors as if this Our

present Grant had not been made any thing herein before contained to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and entered on Record within six months from the date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also Entered in Our Auditors Office in and for our said Province And that in Default thereof this Our Present Grant shall be void and of none effect any thing before in these Presents Contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace Certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At Our Fort in Our City of New York the First day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of Our Reign the Fifteenth *In Pursuance* of and in Obedience to Our Commands signified in and by Our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid and by and with the Advice and Consent of Our Council for Our said Province of New York.

BAMF*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 505-513]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subjects Thomas Clark and others in behalf of themselves and their Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto Our Trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the twenty first day of August which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one and also on the ninth day of March then next following did set forth among other things in Substance that the Petitioners had discovered a certain Tract of

* Circa. present Sutton, Sheffield and Wheelock.

1. Vol. 29, p. 137.

Vacant Land Situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain adjoining the South line of the Township of Pratsburgh East of Land advised to be granted to Erkley and Others and then in the County of Albany Containing about Forty thousand Acres of Land and therefore humbly prayed that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased to Grant to them and their Associates Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of New Stirling *And Whereas* the said Thomas Clark in behalf of himself and his Associates by one other Petition[2] presented unto Our Trusty and well-beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commader in Chief Of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the sixth day of October now last past did set forth among other things in Substance That the Petitioner with others his Associates did in the month of August which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one present a Petition to Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief praying a Grant of Forty thousand Acres of Land on the East side of Lake Champlain That on the Ninth day of March then next following the said Petition was referred to Our said Council that Our said Council were on the same day pleased to advise Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to Grant the Prayer of their said Petition but that by reason of the loss of the List of the Petitioners Associates in the late Fire in Fort George and the Petitioners absence from the City of New York the Petition has not yet obtained the Benefit of the said Advice of Our said Council and did therefore humbly pray that Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be pleased to grant to the Petitioner and his Associates Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of *Bamf* with the usual Privileges *And Whereas* the said Thomas Clark of New Perth in behalf of himself and his Associates by another Petition[3] presented unto Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the twelfth day of November now last past did set forth among other things in Substance that the Petitioner was informed that upon the sixth day of the said Month of November Our said Council postponed proceeding upon their Petition last mentioned for a Tract of Land lying near the North line of Our said Province because in the Minutes of Our said Council there could not be found an Entry of the former Proceedings of that Board upon the first above mentioned Petition and upon a second Petition[4] which the Petitioner alledged he had formerly preferred to Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief for the said Tract of Land that the Petitioner had found in Our Secretary's Office of Our said Province some short Minutes of the Proceedings of Our said Council

2. Vol. 34, p. 119.
3. Vol. 34, p. 139.
4. Vol. 34, p. 134.

endorsed on the back of their first Petition an Office Copy whereof was with the said Petition presented to Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief that one of the said Minutes was in the Hand Writing of Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief and the other in the Hand Writing of Goldsbrow Banyar Esquire late Deputy Secretary of Our said Province from which the said Petitioner alledged that it appeared that the said first Petition Was read in Our said Council several times And from the Order of the Ninth Day of March which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two directing the Petitioner to name his Associates That it clearly appeared that the Members of Our said Council agreed to advise Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant the Prayer of the said Petition as soon as the Names of the said Associates were laid before them That the Petitioner in Obedience to the said Order did afterwards deliver in a List of his Associates Names with a second Petition to Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief praying a Grant of the said Tract of Land yet neither the said second Petition nor list of Associates Names could be found in Our Secretary's Office But that the Petitioner was informed that on several Occasions after the said Goldsbrow Banyar had minuted the proceedings of Our Council for Our said Province on the back of Petitions Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief used sometimes to carry such Petitions from the Board for his own private perusal before the Clerk had time to make an Entry of the Councils Proceedings in their Books that this was humbly presumed to have been the case with the Petitioners said second Petition and the Petitioner thought it highly probable that in the great Fire which happened in Fort George soon after that time the said second Petition with the List of Associates Names inclosed and what Minutes of Our said Council might be endorsed on the back thereof were all lost but that the Petitioner had repeated information from one of the Members of Our said Council that the prayer of the said Petition was advised to be granted that the Petitioner humbly hoped he would not be frustrated on account of the said unfortunate Accident after soliciting so often and so earnestly for above three Years and therefore the Petitioner most humbly prayed that in Consideration of the Equity of his Case and the great expence he had been at in solliciting so long for the said Grant and in procureing a Return of the Survey[5] thereof Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto him and his Associates Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Forty Thousand Acres of Land lying Eastward of Lake Champlain in the County of Gloucester which begins Eighty one Chains North of Peters Pond which is the Place of Beginning of a Tract lately Petitioned for by Governor Martin on Mandamus and is seven hundred and twenty chains North of the Northeast Corner of the Township of Besborough running thence East along the Southerly line of the said Tract Petitioned for the said Governor Martin Five hundred and thirty five

5. Vol. 32, p. 14.

Chains thence South seven hundred and twenty Chains thence West Five hundred and thirty five Chains to the Northeast Corner of the said Township of Besborough Thence West along its North Line about one hundred and sixty three chains thence North seven hundred and twenty chains thence East about one hundred and sixty three chains to the Place of Beginning with the usual allowance for Highways and that the same might be erected into a Township under the Name of Bamf with the usual Powers and Privileges of other Townships which said Petition having been read as aforesaid and the Equity therein set forth duly considered Our said Council for Our said Province did humbly Advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to grant to the Petitioner and his Associates whose Names are annexed to his said Petition Our Letters Patent for the Quantity of thirty thousand Acres of the Lands prayed for with the usual allowance for Highways under the usual Quit Rent Restrictions and Reservations and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Bamf with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within Our said Province *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said Thomas Clark and his Associates to wit Ebenezer Clark, Robert Hunter, George Lindsay, Robert Meldrum, James Guthrie, Nathaniel McKinley, Alexander Crookshank, William Thompson, John Johnson, Jonathan Fowler, Richard Norwood, Peter Sym, William McDougal, Daniel Niven, John Boyd, David Paton, Henry Kip, Christopher Blundell, Frederick DeVoe, James Bussing, John McFarland, John Gray, Robert Smith, Cook Mulligan, Marinus Willett, James Ronald, Jacob VanWagenen, Hercules Mulligan, Peter Garson, Alexander Fortune, Peter Robertson, Andrew Thomson, Alexander Robertson, David Smart, James Love, James Hanna, Thomas Galbreath, George Gosman and William Stevenson *All that* certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being Eastward of Lake Champlain in the County of Gloucester within Our Province of New York *Beginning*[6] at the North east Corner of the Township of Besborough and runs thence along part of the North Bounds of the said Township of Besborough[7] West one hundred and sixty three chains thence North Four hundred and fifty one Chains and thirty links thence East six hundred and ninety eight Chains thence South Four hundred and fifty one Chains and thirty links thence West Five hundred and thirty five chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began *Containing* thirty thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and Have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend

6. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 145.
7. See p. 116 ante.

Dr. Thomas Clarke was a Scotch clergyman of New Perth (Salem), N. Y. For note see State Papers of Vermont, vol. 5, p. 363.

along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the twenty first day of this Instant Month of December and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province of New York may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Thomas Clark and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Thomas Clark, Ebenezer Clark, Robert Hunter, George Lindsay, Robert Meldrum, James Guthrie, Nathaniel McKinley, Alexander Crookshank, William Thomson, John Johnson, Jonathan Fowler, Richard Norwood, Peter Sym, William McDougal, Daniel Niven, John Boyd, David Paton, Henry Kip, Christopher Blundell, Frederick DeVoe, James Bussing, John McFarland, John Gray, Robert Smith, Cook Mulligan, Marinus Willett, James Ronald, Jacob VanWagenen, Hercules Mulligan, Peter Garson, Alexander Fortune, Peter Robertson, Andrew Thompson, Alexander Robertson, David Smart, James Love, James Hanna, Thomas Galbreath, George Gosman and William Stevenson their Heirs and Assigns for Ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And Also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof *And the* Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal Fortieth part (the whole into forty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents Granted ratified and confirmed and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants In common and not as Joint Tenants *To be holden* of Us Our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever Unto Us Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto

Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every part and parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of Bamf for ever hereafter to be called and known

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six months from the Date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province of New York and that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree That this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at Our Fort in Our City of New York the twenty fourth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and of Our Reign the Fifteenth.

MEATH*—A Compensatory Patent

[N. Y. Land Patents, Vol. 17, pp. 5-13]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subject Josiah Willard in behalf of himself and twenty four other Persons his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the fifteenth day of June which was in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy two did among other things set fourth that no part of the Tract of Land in their said Petition mentioned and Described was ever granted either by the Governments of New Hampshire or Canada and did humbly pray Our Letters Patent for twenty five thousand Acres thereof describing the said Tract or Parcel of Land as follows that is to say All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte on the East side of Lake Champlain to the Eastward Southward and Northeastward of and adjoining two Tracts of Land located and Petitioned for by Nathan Stone Abel Walker and Others in Compensation for a certain Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Clarendon formerly claimed by them under a pretended Grant thereof made in Our Government of New Hampshire the greater Part whereof hath since been granted to Others by Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of Our said Province of New York and did further pray that the same might be erected into a Township with the Usual Privileges Which Petition having been then and there referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the same Day in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly Advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief might grant the Prayer thereof And that the said Lands should be laid out in a Square as near as might Be Pursuant to Our Royal Instructions And that the same might be Erected into a Township with the usual Privileges *Provided* the same did not interfere with any Prior Grant Location or Petition or with any French Grants of the Government of Canada *And Whereas* the said Josiah Willard and his Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto Our Trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our said Council on the twenty ninth day of June now last past reciting the proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other things in Substance that the Petitioners had since at a very great expence procured an actual Survey of the said

* Fairfield and vicinity.

1. Vol. 31, p. 73.
2. Vol. 33, p. 151; Vol. 34, p. 32.

Lands That although the Lands so advised to be granted to and Surveyed and returned for the Petitioners did lie within the District formerly claimed by Our Government of New Hampshire yet no part thereof was ever Patented under that Government or the French Government of Canada but always remained as it now does vacant and vested in Us That the Petitioners humbly conceived it would be a very great Hardship if in Addition to the misfortunes they had already sustained in losing the Lands Patented to and purchased by them under the said Grant from Our Government of New Hampshire they should now be doubly distressed by being disappointed in a Compensation which Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief and Our said Council thought so Equitable and the more especially as in a Dependence on the Stability and good Faith of the Acts of Our Government of New York in their favor The Petitioners had actually expended and disbursed large sums of Money in discovering Surveying and laying out the said Lands in a very remote part of the Province That the Petitioners humbly hoped that their hard case would be conceived to be within the Equity of Our Royal Instructions for granting such Lands as were already Advised to be granted to and Actually Surveyed for Our Subjects on the Terms hitherto Usual that since the granting of the first recited Petition several of the Petitioners Associates therein named were either Dead or removed out of Our said Province to wit Elihu Hallbey, Gilbert Burger and John M^cNabb the Petitioners did therefore most humbly pray that Our said Lieutenant Governor would be favorably pleased to Order Our Letters Patent to pass the Great Seal of Our said Province for granting to the Petitioners the Lands so Advised to be granted to and Surveyed for them under the Quit Rent and Conditions hitherto usual That the same might be Erected into a Township by the Name of *Meath* And limited as followeth to wit Beginning about Twenty or twenty one Miles to the East of Lake Champlain at a large hard Maple Tree cornered and marked with the Letters and Figures *L K, S R, W C, T B* 1772 standing on the West side of a Mountain one hundred and sixty chains West from a Hemlock Tree cornered and marked with the Letters and Figures *L K, S R, W C, T B* 1772 which Hemlock Tree stands on the Northwesterly Bank of the River Lemoyle at the distance of one hundred and twenty six chains on a Course South sixty four degrees West from the Mouth of a Brook emptying itself into the said River on the North side thereof thence from the said Maple Tree North two hundred and forty chains along a Line of Trees marked by Thomas Butterfield to a Beech Tree cornered and marked with the Letters and Figures *L K, S R, W C, T B* 1772 Thence West five hundred and fifteen Chains, Thence South five hundred and fifteen chains Thence East five hundred and fifteen chains Thence North two hundred and seventy five chains to the Place of Beginning Containing twenty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways That instead of the Names of the before mentioned Persons who were Dead or removed the following might be inserted to wit John Stout, William Wilcox and Stephen Lush—On due Consideration of which

said last recited Petition and it appearing that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been advised to be granted to the Petitioners and of the Equity set forth in the said recited Petitions Our said Council did humbly Advise Our said Lieutenant Governor by Our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their heirs the Tract of Land in their said last recited Petition described and prayed for under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes and Restrictions and that the said Tract of Land should be Erected into a Township by the Name of *Meath* with the usual Privileges And *Whereas* the said Josiah Willard and John Stout in behalf of themselves and their Associates by a farther Petition[3] presented unto Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the sixteenth day of January now last past did set forth That in Consequence of an Order of Our said Council for granting to the Petitioners and their Associates certain Lands situate Eastward of Lake Champlain within Our said Province of New York Letters Patent were Engrossed and ready for the Great Seal of Our said Province when the Petitioners on the most Critical Examination found that the same would include part of the Lands heretofore granted by Our Government of New Hampshire and Our Government of Canada And that Adam Van Den Burgh one of the Petitioners said Associates was Dead and the Petitioners being unwilling to interfere With any of the Lands granted by either of the said last mentioned Governments and at the same time sensible of the impropriety of suing our Letters Patent in the Name of a Dead Person did most humbly pray that in Consideration of the Equity of their Case the great trouble and Expence they had been at in Locating and Surveying the said Lands and the more especially as the same was Ordered to be granted to the Petitioners and their Associates as a Compensation for the said Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Clarendon on Otter Creek granted by Our said Government of New York to Benjamin Spencer and thirty four others by the Name of Durham That Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would be favorably pleased to Order that the Letters Patent so directed to Issue to the Petitioners and their Associates as aforesaid might be limited as in the same Petition is mentioned which would include the Object of their first Petition and exclude any Lands granted by Our said Government of New Hampshire or Our said Government of Canada or located by any other Person or Persons And that instead of the Name of the said Adam Van Den Burgh deceased the Name of his Grandson Adam Van Den Bergh late Adam Van Den Bergh Junior might be inserted as a Grantee in the said Letters Patent On due Consideration of the Equity in the said last recited Petition set forth Our said Council for Our said Province did humbly Advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief as aforesaid by Our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their Associates and their heirs the Tract of Land in their said last recited Petition particularly described

3. Vol. 35, p. 16.

instead of the Tract before advised to be granted to the Petitioners under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions and that the Name of Adam Van Den Bergh late Adam Van Den Bergh Junior be inserted in Our said Letters Patent in the room of the said Adam Van Den Bergh so as aforesaid deceased *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said Josiah Willard and John Stout and their Associates to wit Peter R. Livingston, Robert Harper, Thomas Lupton, John Sidell, Charles Nicoll, Alexander Stewart, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker, Benjamin Stout, Benjamin Stout Jun[r], Samuel Roberts, William Crossly, John B. Stout, John Wigram, John Kelly, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, Francis Panton, John L C Roome, John Shatford Jones, Adam Van Den Bergh late Adam Van Den Bergh Junior, William Wilcox and Stephen Lush *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land on the East side of Lake Champlain Beginning[4] at the most Westerly Corner of a Certain Tract of Land granted to Luke Knoulton[5] and nineteen Others thence along the Westerly Bounds of the said Tract and part of the Westerly Bounds of another Tract granted to Major Harry Gordon[6] North ten degrees East seven hundred and eleven chains thence West two hundred and seventy two chains to the Northeast corner of a Tract of Land lately granted to Nathan Stone[7] and twenty two others thence along the East Bounds of the same Tract South four hundred and sixty chains to the Southeast corner thereof thence along the South Bounds of the last mentioned Tract West twelve chains and sixty links to a Beech Tree marked *L D, S R, W C, T B,* 1772 which is the place of Beginning of the said Tract of Land granted to Nathan Stone and Others and is likewise the Northeast corner of this Tract of Land as it was first laid out and returned for the said Josiah Willard and his Associates thence continuing West along the South Bounds of the said Stones Tract one hundred and seventy six chains and forty Links thence South five hundred and fifteen chains thence East two hundred and fifty six chains and forty links thence North two hundred and seventy five chains thence East eighty chains to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began Containing twenty five thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and Unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twenty sixth

4. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 47. Part of this tract covered land granted by New Hampshire, and a second survey was made—see vol. 35, p. 28, map.

5. Kellybrook, see p. 408 ante.

6. See p. 422 ante.

7. New Rutland, see p. 430 ante.

For note on Josiah Willard see p. 62 ante.

day of January now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioners and their said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Josiah Willard, John Stout, Peter R Livingston, Robert Harper, Thomas Lupton, John Sidell, Charles Nicoll, Alexander Stewart, Joseph Allicocke, Evert Bancker, Benjamin Stout, Benjamin Stout Junior, Samuel Roberts, William Crossly, John B Stout, John Wigram, John Kelly, Samuel Boyer, John Keen, Francis Panton, John L C Roome, John Shatford Jones, Adam Van Den Bergh, William Wilcox, and Stephen Lush their heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and Described in manner and form as abovementioned Together with all And Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part & Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal Twenty fifth part (The whole into twenty five equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues duties and

Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof *And* We do of Our especial Grace certain knowledge and Meer Motion Create erect and Constitute the Tract or parcel of Land herein granted and every part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be Continue and remain and by the Name of *Meath* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless and We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and Appoint that this Our Present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six months from the date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also Entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province, And that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion Consent and Agree that this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and Appointed Shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and Well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At Our Fort in Our City of New York the Eleventh day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and of Our Reign the Fifteenth:

THIRMING*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 16, pp. 526-533]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subject David Mathews in behalf of himself and nineteen other Persons his Associates whose Names were mentioned in the Schedule to their Petition[1] subjoined to wit Johnston Fairholme, Peter Middleton, John Grumly, John Reid, Samuel Stevens, William Bruce, Robert Rogers, Andrew Elliot, James Duane, William Bayard, Edmund Fanning, Benjamin J. Johnston, John Hodges, Moses Marden, Joshua Littlewood, Malcom Mc Isaac, Christopher Blundell, Isaac Willet Junior, and James Rivington by his humble Petition presented unto Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the nineteenth day of May which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two did set forth that the Petitioner had discovered a certain Tract of Land which was Vacant and Vested in Us situate lying and being on the Northwesterly side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester *Beginning* on the Northwesterly Bank of the said River at the Northeasterly Corner of the most Northernmost Tract of Land pretended to be granted by Our Government of New Hampshire Westward of the said River Connecticut commonly called and known by the Name of Limington and extending up the said River on a Streight line about three or four hundred Chains thence into the Woods Westerly or Northwesterly about six hundred and forty Chains thence Southerly and Easterly so far as would include Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the Usual allowance for Highways And that the said Tract of Land had never been granted by Our Province of New Hampshire or Located by any Prior Petition and therefore the Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates did humbly pray that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased to grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates the Tract of Land afore described and That the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of *Thirming* and Vested with the Usual Privileges granted to other Townships within Our said Province Which Petition having been then referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province Our said Council did afterwards on the Fifteenth day of June then following in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Our Letters Patent grant to the said Petitioner and his Associates and their Heirs the Lands prayed for and described in the said Petition so as not to interfere with any Prior Location or Petition or any Grant under Our Government of New

* Present Canaan and vicinity.

1. Vol. 31, p. 139.

Hampshire *And Whereas* the said Edmund Fanning and Moses Marden two of the Associates Named in the aforesaid recited Petition of the said David Mathews by their humble Petition[2] presented unto Our trusty and Well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the Eighth day of this Instant Month of February did set forth that upon a former application the Petitioners obtained an Order of Our said Council for granting to them Twenty thousand Acres of vacant Land within Our said Province for which the Petitioners had procured a Survey and return That several of the Persons who were the Petitioners former Associates are either Dead or removed out of the said Province to wit Benjamin J. Johnson, John Hodges, Joshua Littlewood, Malcom McIsaac and John Grumly And did therefore most humbly pray that instead of the Names of the Persons who are so Dead or removed the Names of Samuel Avery, John Peters, James Cobham, William Kennedy and Samuel Boyer might be inserted in Our Letters Patent for the Lands so advised to be granted and Surveyed as aforesaid Which Petition having been read as aforesaid On due Consideration thereof Our Council for Our said Province did humbly Advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief that the Names of the said Samuel Avery, John Peters, James Cobham, William Kennedy and Samuel Boyer be inserted in Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land in the room and stead of the Names of the Persons who are so dead or removed out of Our said Province In pursuance whereof and in Obedience to Our Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province Have set out for the said Edmund Fanning and Moses Marden and their Associates to wit David Mathews, Johnston Fairholme, Peter Middleton, John Reid, Samuel Stevens, William Bruce, Robert Rogers, Andrew Elliot, James Duane, William Bayard, Christopher Blundell, Isaac Willet Junior, James Rivington, Samuel Avery, John Peters, James Cobham, William Kennedy and Samuel Boyer *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester *Beginning*[3] at a certain Place on the West Bank of the said River reputed to be the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Land granted by Our late Governor of Our Province of New Hampshire and called Lemington which Place is Five hundred and nine Chains on a

2. Vol. 35, p. 17.
3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 35, p. 35.

David Matthews was appointed mayor of New York to succeed Whitehead Hicks on February 14, 1776—Calendar of Council Minutes, p. 507. He was a lawyer and a Loyalist; was arrested by New York Committee of Safety on suspicion of being connected with the plot to assassinate General Washington, in 1779. He was Register of the Court of Admiralty in 1782; He was attainted and his property confiscated.—Documentary History of New York, III, p. 1056.

Streight line below a certain Cedar Post set up on the West Bank of the said River in the Year One Thousand seven hundred and seventy two by John Collins and Thomas Valentine as the Place where the line run by them from the Point of Forty five degrees of Northern Latitude on Lake Champlain intersects the said River and this Tract runs from the said Place of Beginning up along the said River as it winds and turns to the Cedar Post aforesaid and thence along the said line run by John Collins and Thomas Valentine North Eighty one Degrees West seven hundred and nine Chains thence South nine Degrees West Four hundred and thirty three Chains and thence South eighty one Degrees East Four Hundred and Forty Chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing Twenty Thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing date the thirteenth Day of this Instant Month of February and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province of New York may more fully appear which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Edmund Fanning and Moses Marden and their Associates their Heirs and Assigns for Ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Edmund Fanning, Moses Marden, David Mathews, Johnston Fairholme, Peter Middleton, John Reid, Samuel Stevens, William Bruce, Robert Rogers, Andrew Elliot, James Duane, William Bayard, Christopher Blundell, Isaac Willet Junior, James Rivington, Samuel Avery, John Peters, James Cobham, William Kennedy and Samuel Boyer their Heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and Form as above mentioned Together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* and also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our Heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract

or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns Respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants *To be holden* of Us Our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto us Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties And Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every part and parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Thirming* for ever hereafter to be called and known

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six months from the Date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province of New York and that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testi-*

mony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief or Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at Our Fort in Our City of New York the sixteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and of Our Reign the Fifteenth.

JOHN THOMPSON'S TRACT*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 34-38]

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* by our Royal Order in Council Given at Our Court at S^{t} James's the sixth day of June which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy We were pleased with the Advice of Our Privy Council to Order that Our Governor or Commander in Chief of Our Province of New York for the time being should immediately on the Receipt of Our said Royal Order cause two thousand Acres of Land to be Surveyed in one Contiguous Tract (conformable to the Directions of Our Instructions with regard to the Manner of laying out Grants of Land) In such part of Our said Province as Our loving Subject John Thompson or his Attorney should choose not already granted or Surveyed to others and not possessed or claimed by the Indians and that upon a return of such Survey Our said Governor or Commander in Chief should pass a Grant for the same to the said John Thompson under the Seal of Our said Province upon the Terms Conditions and Reservations Contained in Our Royal Instructions to Our said Governor *And Whereas* the said John Thompson hath chosen the said two thousand Acres of Land to be laid out for him within certain vacant Lands in the County of Charlotte about sixteen Miles East of Wood Creek Wherefore in Obedience to Our said Royal Order and Instructions aforesaid Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said John Thompson *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte about sixteen Miles East of Wood Creek within Our Province of New York *Beginning*[1] at the Northeast Corner of a Tract of Land laid out for Lieutenant John Thompson late of his Majesty's Ninety fifth Regiment and runs thence East one hundred and fifty chains then South one hundred and forty chains and West twenty seven chains to the Northeast corner of a Tract of Land laid out for Albert Mindert Lubkener[2] thence along the bounds thereof West one hundred and twenty three chains to the Southeast corner

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* A mandamus grant in the vicinity of Pawlet or Rupert.

1. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 68.
2. Vol. 29, p. 62.

of the said Tract laid out for John Thompson thence along the bounds thereof North one hundred and forty chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing two thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for Highways And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and Unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the tenth day of August now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province may more fully appear which said Tract of Land Set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions *We* being willing to Grant to the said John Thompson his heirs and Assigns for ever *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto him the said John Thompson first above Named his heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or Appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our Heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all White or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is herein before excepted) unto the same John Thompson his heirs and Assigns to the only proper Use and behoof of the same John Thompson his heirs and Assigns for ever to be holden of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom house in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly rent of two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or

any part thereof *Provided* always and upon Condition Nevertheless that if the said John Thompson Our Grantee his heirs or Assigns shall not within three years next after the date of this Our present Grant settle two Families on the said Tract of Land hereby granted Or if he the said John Thompson Our said Grantee his heirs or Assigns shall not also within three years to be computed as aforesaid Plant and effectually Cultivate at the least three Acres for every fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation *Or* if he the said John Thompson Our said Grantee his heirs or Assigns or any other Person or Persons by his their or any of their Privity Consent or Procurement shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us Our heirs and Successors or hereby intended so to be without the Royal License of Us Our heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained that then and in any of these Cases this Our present Grant and every thing therein contained shall cease and be absolutely Void and the Lands and Premises hereby granted shall Revert to and Vest in Us Our heirs and Successors as if this Our present Grant had not been made any thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding *Provided* further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six months from the date thereof in Our Secretarys Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province And that in default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none effect anything before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding *And We do* moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion consent and agree that this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said said [sic] Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America At Our Fort in Our City of New York the nineteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and of Our Reign the fifteenth *In Pursuance* of and in Obedience to Our Commands signified in and by Our said Royal Order in Council as aforesaid.

RYEGATE—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 43-56]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted & bounded to the East in part by the West Bank or side of Connecticut River *And Whereas* of late Years great Part of Our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath Nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents hereinafter granted Part of Our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Ryegate *And Whereas* Our loving Subject John Church Agent for the said Township or Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Ryegate in Conjunction with sundry other Persons Agents and Attornies for several other Tracts of Land by their humble Petition[1] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province of New York and read in Our Council for the same Province on the twenty sixth day of March which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two did set forth that the several Proprietors and Inhabitants whom the said Petitioners respectively represented were Grantees or Purchasors and Settlers within the said several Tracts of Land under the Government of New Hampshire which formerly claimed and granted the same by Letters Patent and erected the same into Townships with the usual Privileges That valuable Improvements were made by the Petitioners Constituents in the said several Tracts of Land wherein they have exhausted the greatest part of their Substance and thereby rendered what was so lately a desolate Wilderness a fruitful and flourishing part of the Country That by Our Royal Order in our Privy Council of the twentieth Day of July which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four We were pleased to determine that Part of the Country to belong to Our said Province of New York and has since erected the same into two New Counties by the Names of Cumberland and Gloucester and those Counties being properly Organized and the Course of Justice Established the Petitioners were fully Satisfied to remain Subject to Our said Government of New York and were only solicitous of obtaining a legal Title to their Estates and Possessions That they had used all the Means in their Power to procure Con-

1. Vol. 31, p. 48.

firmations thereof under the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York and had earnestly and frequently applied for that Purpose at very great Trouble and Expence but all their Efforts had hitherto proved unsuccessful that the greatest Inconveniencies arise to the Petitioners Constituents from the long suspence in which they had been held respecting their Confirmations that they could not carry on their improvements with Spirit and Industry from the uncertainty whether they might not be finally deprived of them that they could not enjoy the Rights of Freeholders from the defect of their present Title nor could they for the same Reason support any Action for a Trespass or Injury done to their Lands that while these distressing Circumstances fall heavy upon the Petitioners Constituents they obstruct the Growth and further improvement of those Counties and impede the equal Administration of Justice and at the same time prevent the Payment and increase of Our Revenue from the Quit Rents that the unexampled Goodness of Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in reducing the fees to one half in favor of such Settlers as had received their Confirmations removed all the difficulties of which the Inhabitants of those Counties were theretofore apprehensive for want of sufficient means to take out New Grants And the Petitioners therefore relying on the known Goodness and Benevolence of Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief did most humbly pray that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased in Consideration of the many and great disadvantages under which their Constituents laboured to grant their said Constituents confirmations of the said several Townships under the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York upon the usual Quit Rents and Reservations and such Fees as aforesaid and if this should then be thought impracticable which the Petitioners would Lament as the greatest misfortune to their Constituents that at least such proceedings might be had on the said Petition as would defeat the application of others for those Tracts of Land and render the preference of the Petitioners Constituents to the grant thereof secure and unquestionable and the further expensive Attendance of the Petitioners in their behalf unnecessary *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province of New York Our said Council for the same Province did afterwards on the fifteenth day of June then following in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly Advise and Consent that whenever Our Royal Instructions would Permit Grants to be made of the said Tracts of Land Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Our several Letters Patent grant to the respective Proprietors thereof under the said Grants of Our Province of New Hampshire and their heirs the said several Tracts of Land under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our said Royal Instructions *Except* the Shares and Proportion thereof formerly Allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire which are to remain Vested in Us that the several Shares thereof theretofore intended for Public Uses should be granted

in Trust as follows that is to say one such Share for the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts A like share for A Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law Established for the time being residing on the Premises A like share for the use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said respective Tracts and one hundred Acres for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said respective Tracts And that the said several Tracts be Erected into Townships with the usual Privileges *And Whereas* the said John Church and others his Associates whose Names are thereunto Subjoined by his humble Petition[2] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province of New York on the third day of this Instant month of June reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other things in Substance that the Petitioner since the proceedings aforesaid is become vested with the greater part of the said Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Ryegate by Purchase from the Original Proprietors thereof That the Petitioner obtained a Warrant and had been at great expence in causing an Actual Survey to be made of the said Lands and that the return for the said Tract by Our Surveyor General for Our said Province of New York was lodged in Our Secretary's Office for the same Province that the Petitioner had already settled upwards of fifty persons on the said Tract of Land called Ryegate who from a confidence of the Petitioners being able to give them Titles under Our said Province of New York were then actually making considerable improvements thereon That the Petitioner was willing to enter into Bond with sufficient Sureties previous to obtaining Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land obliging himself to convey the several Shares and Proportions thereof to the several Persons intitled thereto under the said Grant of Our Government of New Hampshire agreeable to the Tenor of the Bonds hitherto entered into in Similar Cases And the Petitioner did therefore humbly pray that Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander In Chief would consider the Equity of his Case that Our late Instructions might be extended to him and that Our Letters Patent for the same Tract of Land under the Seal of Our said Province of New York might Issue to him and his Associates whose Names are Subjoined to his said Petition as aforesaid and their heirs under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions and that the said Tract of Land might Be Erected into a Township by the Name of Ryegate with the usual Privileges on due Consideration of which said last recited Petition and of the Equity therein contained Our said Council for Our said Province of New York did humbly advise Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to

2. Vol 35, p. 68.

grant Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land to the said John Church and his Associates whose Names are Subjoined to the said last recited Petition and their heirs under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions and that the several Shares of the said Tract of Land which by the said Grant or Charter from Our Government of New Hampshire were intended for Public Uses be granted in Trust Pursuant to the directions contained in the said former Order That the Share of the said Tract of Land formerly allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire remain Vested in Us and that the whole of the said Tract of Land be erected into a Township by the Name of Ryegate with the usual Privileges *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province of New York have set out for the said John Church and for his Associates to wit Samuel Wells, James Cobham, Waldron Blaau, Samuel Avery, John Fowler, James Abeel, John McDowel, Henry Broadwell, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, John Abeel, William Kennedy, John Kelly, Isaac Ball Junior, Henry Holland, Dennis Carleton, Samuel Gale, John Bowles and William Strong *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land (except the five Lots hereinafter mentioned) Situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester called and known by the Name of Ryegate and Beginning[3] at a Pitch Pine tree marked $\overset{1765}{N\ B\ Y}$ standing on the Bank of the said River at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Newbury[4] granted to Benjamin Whiting and others and runs thence along the North Bounds of the Township of Newbury North sixty degrees West four hundred and seventy seven chains to the Northwest Corner thereof thence along the West bounds thereof Sixty six chains and forty Links thence North sixty eight degrees West one hundred and ten chains thence North seven degrees and fifty minutes East four hundred and sixty Eight chains and fifty links to a Tree heretofore marked for the South West Corner of a Tract of Land commonly called Barnet[5] and thence along the Southerly bounds of the last mentioned Tract South sixty eight degrees East five hundred chains to Connecticut River aforesaid and then down along the Westerly Bank thereof as it Winds and turns to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began Containing Twenty thousand five hundred and fourteen Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways including the five Lots hereinafter described and containing exclusive of the said five Lots Nine-

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 35, p. 41.
4. See p. 310 ante.
5. See p. 12 ante.

On February 17, 1772, John Church and associates filed a petition for a grant of the township of Ryegate—this was a little prior to the filing of the general petition of the Agents referred to in the patent of Ryegate above,—see vol. 30, p. 129.

For note on John Church see p. 385 ante.

teen Thousand three hundred and eighty nine Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways one of which said Lots of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot is to remain Vested in Us and is bounded as follows that is to say Beginning on the West Bank of the said River at the Place where the said larger Tract begins and runs thence along the North bounds of the Township of Newbury North sixty degrees West one hundred and thirty six chains thence North thirty degrees East fifty chains thence South sixty degrees East sixty one chains to Connecticut River aforesaid and then down the Westerly Bank thereof as it Winds and turns to the place where this Lot first began Containing four hundred and ten Acres and the usual allowance for highways And also Our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned the following four Lots of Land Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid that is to say for the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts All that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot and which begins on the West Bank of the said River at the distance of two hundred and ninety chains measured on a streight line from the Place where the said larger Tract begins and runs thence North Eighty degrees West seventy one chains and seventy five links thence North ten degrees East thirty chains thence South Eighty degrees East seventy one chains and seventy five links to Connecticut River aforesaid and then down along the West Bank thereof to the Place where this second Lot first began Containing Two hundred and five Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways For a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the time being residing on the Lands hereby granted *All* that certain Lot or parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot and which begins on the West Bank of the said River at the Northeast Corner Of the second Lot and runs thence along the bounds thereof North Eighty degrees West seventy one chains and seventy five links Thence North ten degrees East thirty chains thence South eighty degrees East seventy one chains and seventy five links to Connecticut River aforesaid and then down along the West Bank thereof to the Place where this third Lot first began Containing Two hundred and five Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways For the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the Lands hereby granted *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot which begins on the West Bank of the said River at the Northeast Corner of the third Lot and runs thence along the bounds thereof North eighty degrees West seventy one chains and seventy five links thence North ten degrees East thirty chains thence South eighty degrees East seventy one chains and seventy five links to Connecticut River aforesaid and then down the West Bank thereof to the Place where this fourth Lot first began Containing Two hundred and five Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways

And for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Lands hereby granted *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot which begins on the West Bank of the said River at the Northeast Corner of the fourth Lot and runs thence along the bounds thereof North eighty degrees West fifty two chains and fifty links thence North ten degrees East twenty chains thence South eighty degrees East fifty two chains and fifty links to Connecticut River aforesaid and then down along the West Bank thereof to the Place where this fifth Lot first began Containing one hundred Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways and in setting out the the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and Unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twelfth day of this Instant month of June and entered on Record in Our Secretarys Office for Our said Province of New York may more fully appear which said Tract of twenty thousand five hundred and fourteen Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways so set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said John Church and the other Persons his said Associates their heirs and Assigns for Ever (Except as hereafter is excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses Trusts intents and Purposes Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations Exceptions Provisoes and Conditions hereinafter expressed limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every part and parcel thereof respectively *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said John Church, Samuel Wells, James Cobham, Waldron Blaau, Samuel Avery, John Fowler, James Abeel, John M^{c}Dowel, Henry Broadwell, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, John Abeel, William Kennedy, John Kelly, Isaac Ball Jun^{r}, Henry Holland, Dennis Carleton, Samuel Gale, John Bowles and William Strong their heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described by Our said Commissioners in manner and form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereinafter is excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by Our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract for the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the first settled Minister of the Gospel as aforesaid and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing as aforesaid together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emolu-

ments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining and also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever All that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land Containing four hundred and ten Acres with the usual Allowance for highways hereinbefore mentioned to be set apart and remain Vested in Us abutted bounded and Described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the first Lot as aforesaid together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging the same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty thousand five hundred and fourteen Acres of Land hereinbefore described and within the Township by these Presents hereinafter constituted And also *Except* and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* and also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* all and Singular the said Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them Our Grantees above Named their heirs and Assigns for ever to for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses Trusts intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every part and parcel thereof respectively And to and for no other Use or Uses intent or purpose whatsoever that is to say

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and Concerning all the rest residue and Remainder of the said Tract of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted ratified and Confirmed *To have and to hold* one full and equal twentieth Part (the whole into Twenty equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest residue and remainder and every part and parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining (Except as is hereinbefore Excepted) unto each of them the said John Church Samuel Wells, James Cobham, Waldron Blaau, Samuel Avery, John Fowler, James Abeel, John McDowel, Henry Broadwell, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, John Abeel, William Kennedy, John Kelly, Isaac Ball

Junior, Henry Holland, Dennis Carleton, Samuel Gale, John Bowles and William Strong their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate use and behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants And to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever All and Singular the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every part and parcel thereof *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom house in Our City of New York in Our said Province of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly rent of two Shillings and sixpence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in proportion for any lesser quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof And we do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the said large Tract Containing Twenty thousand five hundred and fourteen Acres of Land hereinbefore mentioned and every part and parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Ryegate* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And we do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and Entered on Record within six Months from the date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province of New York, and that in default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the

above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at Our Fort in Our City of New York the twentieth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and of Our reign the Fifteenth.

SMITHFIELD*—A Compensatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 59-67]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our loving Subject Samuel Ashley in behalf of himself and twenty five other Persons his Associates by his humble Petition[1] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the Eighth day of April which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two did among other things set forth that the Petitioner and his Associates were Owners as Original Grantees and Purchasers of a certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate on the West side of Connecticut River formerly Patented under the Government of New Hampshire and erected into a Township by the Name of Shrewsbury And also of part of a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Pittsford each of the said Tracts containing Twenty five thousand Acres of Land and by Virtue of the said Grant they were at the Expence of allotting and dividing the said first mentioned Tract intending to cultivate and improve the same that in Order to secure the Interest of the several Parties deriving Title under such Letters Patent the Petitioner in behalf of himself and his Associates did after the Publication of Our Royal Order in Our Privy Council of the twentieth day of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty four prefer a Petition to the then Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York humbly praying Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of Our said Province of New York for the first Tract afore said that the said Petition was advised to be granted on the twenty sixth day of December which was in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six by Our Council for Our said Province and that a Warrant of Survey issued to Survey and lay out the same agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition as by the Order of Our said

* Circa. present Fairfield, Bakersfield and Fletcher.
1. Vol. 31, pp. 75 and 118.

Council made on the said Petition and the Record of the said Warrant of Survey might appear That the Petitioner returned home with a determined Resolution of suing out Our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land called Shrewsbury and his Proportion of the said Tract called Pittsford as soon as he could get an actual Survey thereof made by one of the Deputies of Our Surveyor General for Our said Province suggesting that the Survey so as aforesaid made under the New Hampshire Grant had been objected to by Our then Commander in Chief of Our said Province That the Petitioner being informed in the month of July one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven that Our late Trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Moore Baronet then Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of Our said Province had shortly before been restrained by Us from Patenting any of the Lands formerly granted by Our Government of New Hampshire Westward of the River Connecticut until Our Pleasure should be farther signified prevented the Petitioner from making such Survey And that the Petitioner had lately understood that one of the two Tracts of Land aforesaid is wholly included within the bounds of certain Lands granted under the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York and about sixteen thousand Acres of the other That the Petitioner and his Associates had discovered certain Vacant Lands Vested in Us for which they were emboldened to hope for Our Letters Patent as a Compensation for the Lands claimed by them as aforesaid and comprehended within Our Letters Patent under Our said Province of New York altho' the Lands so discovered by the Petitioner are but of small value when compared to the said two Tracts formerly Known by the Names of Shrewsbury and Pittsford the Situation of which is Convenient and the Soil Superior in Goodness to most Lands in that Our said Province of New York That the Lands so discovered by the Petitioner and his Associates might be described as follows to wit All that certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte on the East side of Lake Champlain to the Eastward and Northward of Lands located and Petitioned for by Josiah Willard and Others that the same had not been granted either by the Governments of New Hampshire or Canada and being desirous to obtain Our Letters Patent for the Quantity of Twenty five thousand Acres of the Land last described in Order to cultivate and improve the same the Petitioner therefore did most humbly pray that in tender Compassion to the Petitioner and his Associates and their Families Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief William Tryon Esquire would be favorably pleased by Our Letters Patent to grant unto the Petitioner and his Associates whose Names were mentioned in the Schedule to the said Petition Subjoined the Tract of Land last above described on paying such moderate Fees as Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should Judge proper under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions and that the same might be Erected into a Township with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within Our said Province Which Petition

having been then and there referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province Our said Council did afterwards to wit on the fifteenth day of June in the said year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly advise and Consent that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief the said William Tryon Esquire should by Our Letters Patent grant unto the said Samuel Ashley and his Associates and their heirs the Tract of Land in their said Petition particularly described under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions and that the said Tract of Land be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges Provided the same did not interfere with any Prior Grant Location or Petition or with the French Claim of the Government of Canada *And Whereas* the said Samuel Ashley in behalf of himself and his Associates by his Humble Petition[2] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire Our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the twenty ninth day of June now last past did set forth briefly the Proceedings aforesaid and that eighteen thousand Acres of the first mentioned Tract of Land and the whole of the Petitioners Interest in the last mentioned Tract were granted to the Proprietors of Socialborough and Newry That the Petitioners had since at a Very great Expence procured an Actual Survey of the Lands so advised to be granted as aforesaid that although the said Lands Surveyed and returned for the Petitioners did lie within the district formerly claimed by Our Government of New Hampshire yet no Part thereof was ever Patented under that Government or the French Government of Canada but always remained as it now does Vacant and Vested in Us That the Petitioners humbly conceived it would be a very great Hardship if in Addition to the misfortunes they had already sustained in losing the Lands Patented to them under the Pretended Title of Our Government of New Hampshire they should be doubly distressed by being disappointed in a Compensation which Our said last mentioned Captain General and Governor in Chief and Our said Council thought so Equitable and more especially as in a Dependance on the Stability and good Faith of the Acts of Our said Government of New York in their favor the Petitioners had actually expended and disbursed large sums of money in Discovering Surveying and laying out the said Lands in a very remote Part of Our said Province That the Petitioners humbly hoped that their hard Case would be conceived to be within the Equity of Our Royal Instructions for granting such Lands as were already advised to be granted to and actually Surveyed for Our Subjects on the Terms hitherto Usual that since the granting of the said first recited Petition several of the Petitioners Associates therein Named were either Dead or removed out of Our Province of New York to wit Simon Stevens John Levine and Samuel Stevens The Petitioners did therefore most humbly pray that Our said Lieu-

2. Vol. 34, p. 31.

tenant Governor would be favorably pleased to pass Our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our said Province granting to the Petitioners the Lands so advised to be granted to and surveyed for them under the Quit Rent and Conditions hitherto Usual and that instead of the Names of the before mentioned Persons who are Dead or removed the following might be inserted (to wit) George Cruger, Samuel Roberts and William Crossly On Consideration of which said last recited Petition and it appearing that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been advised to be granted to the Petitioner and his Associates and of the Equity set forth in the said recited Petitions Our Council for Our said Province did humbly advise Our said Lieutenant Governor by Our Letters Patent to grant to the Petitioners and their heirs the said Tract of Land under the Usual Quit Rent Provisoes and Restrictions *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set Out for them the said Samuel Ashley and his Associates to wit John Church, Marinus Willet, James Cobham, Jacob Wilkins, Thomas Austin, John Blacklock, Joseph Charters, Joseph Beck, John Weatherhead, James Moran, Thomas Stevenson, Samuel Knight, Jonathan Hobbs, Malachi Church, Richard Wenman, Samuel Wells, Stephen Greenleafe, Benjamin Butterfield, John Brown, William Young, William Kennedy, Garret Noel, George Cruger, Samuel Roberts and William Crossly *All that* certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Charlotte within Our Province of New York Beginning[3] at the most Northerly Corner of a Tract of Five thousand Acres of Land laid out for and lately granted to Captain Harry Gordon[4] and runs thence along the Westerly bounds thereof South ten Degrees West thirty chains and fifty links to the Northeast corner of a Tract of Twenty five thousand Acres of Land laid out for Josiah Willard[5] and his Associates thence along the North Bounds thereof West two hundred and seventy two chains then North Ninety chains then East Eight hundred and sixty one chains then South ten degrees West Eight hundred and forty one chains then North forty seven degrees West Eighty eight chains to the Northeasterly corner of a Tract of Land laid out for Luke Knoulton[6] John Taylor and their Associates thence along the bounds thereof North forty seven degrees West one hundred and eighty five chains to the most Southerly corner of a Tract of Five thousand Acres of Land laid out for and lately granted to the said Harry Gordon in Right of his Brother Peter Gordon[7] thence along the bounds thereof North

3. Return of survey with map, vol. 25, p. 29.
4. See p. 422 ante.
5. Meath, see p. 457 ante.
6. Kellybrook, see p. 408 ante.
7. See p. 448 ante.

See vol. 20, p. 91 and vol. 30, p. 132, for Samuel Ashley's petitions for Shrewsbury and the ungranted portion of Pittsford and Clarendon mentioned in the patent above.

Samuel Ashley was a deputy sheriff of New Hampshire in 1764.—Jones, Vermont in the Making. Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Cheshire County, New

ten degrees East three hundred and thirteen chains and fifty links to his Northeast Corner And thence along the Northerly bounds of the said Tract and the Northerly bounds of the said first Tract laid out for the said Harry Gordon North forty seven degrees West four hundred chains to the Place of Beginning Containing twenty five thousand Acres of Land and the Usual Allowance for highways and in setting out the said Tract or parcel of Land Our said Commissions [sic] have had regard to the Profitable and Unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions As by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the fourteenth day of this Instant Month of June and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province may more fully appear Which said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Samuel Ashley and his said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and Meer Motion We have given granted Ratified and confirmed And do by these Presents for Us Our heirs and Successors give grant ratify and Confirm unto them the said Samuel Ashley, John Church, Marinus Willet, James Cobham, Jacob Wilkins, Thomas Austin, John Blacklock, Joseph Charter, Joseph Beck, John Weatherhead, James Moran, Thomas Stevenson, Samuel Knight, Jonathan Hobbs, Malachi Church, Richard Wenman, Samuel Wells, Stephen Greenleafe, Benjamin Butterfield, John Brown, William Young, William Kennedy, Garret Noel, George Cruger, Samuel Roberts and William Crossly their heirs and Assigns for ever All that the Tract or Parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as abovementioned together with all and Singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all white or other sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of twenty four Inches diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* one full and equal twenty sixth part (The whole into twenty six equal Parts to be divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and con-

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Hampshire, and a member of the Fourth Provincial Congress—Stackpole, History of New Hampshire, II, p. 94; Member of the Charlestown, New Hampshire Convention of 1781 which considered the formation of a new state on both sides of the Connecticut River.—History of Charlestown, Sanderson, pp. 145-150.

firmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees abovementioned their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for highways as above mentioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands Whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof And We do of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Smithfield* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and Appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and entered on Record within six months from the date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province and that in default thereof this Our present Grant shall be void and of none effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this Our Present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be

hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said trusty and well beloved *Cadwallader Colden* Esquire Our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America at Our Fort in Our City of New York the twenty first day of June in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy five and of Our Reign the fifteenth.

STRATTON—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 80-92]

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth *To all to whom* these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or side of Connecticut River *And Whereas* of late Years great part of Our said Province lying to the Westward of the same River hath nevertheless been pretended to be granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho' the same Lands had then belonged to and were within the Bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents hereinafter granted Part of Our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so pretended to be granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Stratton *And Whereas* Our loving Subject Isaac Searles in behalf of himself and his Associates by his humble Petition[1] presented unto Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our said Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our said Province of New York on the Thirteenth day of November which was in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy one did set forth That the Petitioner and his Associates owned a considerable Part of the said Tract of Land lying in the County of Albany on the East side of Hudsons River granted under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire by the Name of Stratton which Tract of Land is bounded Southerly by a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Somerset and Westerly by a Tract of Land commonly called and known by the Name of Glosenbury That a Settlement of the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Stratton would be attended with many inconveniences under Title derived from Our Government of New Hampshire and did therefore humbly pray that Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be pleased to Grant Our Letters Patent to him and his Associates for such apart of the said Tract of Land last mentioned as they were intitled to under the pretended Grant aforesaid on such Condi-

1. Vol. 30, p. 37.

tions Restrictions and Reservations as other Lands were granted in like Circumstances *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province of New York Our said Council did afterwards on the fifteenth day of June which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two in Pursuance of the Report of the said Committee humbly Advise and Consent that whenever Our Instructions would permit a Grant to be made of the said Tract of Land last mentioned Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief should by Our Letters Patent grant to the Proprietors thereof under the said Grant of Our Province of New Hampshire and their heirs the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Stratton under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Royal Instructions Except the Share and Proportion thereof allotted under the said pretended Grant to Benning Wentworth Esquire which is to remain Vested in Us That the several Shares thereof theretofore intended for Publick Uses should be granted in Trust as follows That is to say one such share for the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts A like Share for a Glebe for the Use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law Established for the time being residing on the Premises A like share for the Use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said Tract and one hundred Acres for the Use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said Tract *And Whereas* Our loving Subject Edmund Fanning in behalf of himself and his Associates by his humble Petition[2] presented unto Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief and read in Our Council for Our said Province on the thirty first day of July now last Past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid did set forth among other things in Substance That the Petitioner putting all due Faith and Confidence in the Honor and Justice of Our Government of Our Province of New York that a Confirmation of the New Hampshire Title would be made to the said Isaac Searl and his Associates or their Assigns Agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition and the Report of the Committee thereupon did some time in the month of December then next following actually and bona fide Purchase and pay for all the Lands contained in the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Stratton except the Public Rights mentioned in the said pretended Grant of Our said Province of New Hampshire That the Petitioner being possessed of the Original Charter and the Mesne Conveyances to him from the Claimants under Our said Province of New Hampshire and intending to Solicit a confirmation of the Title of the said Tract of Land under the Great Seal of Our said Government of New York to him and # his Associates the whole of the said

2. This petition not located in the Land Papers; affidavits of Isaac Searl, John Grumley, Edmund Fanning and Whitehead Hicks, Mayor of New York City, relative to the purchasing of the New Hampshire rights in the township of Stratton, together with an exemplified copy of the New Hampshire charter and a map of Stratton, are in vol. 35, pp. 80-82.

Conveyances were unfortunately consumed in the late Fire at Fort George *All* which several Facts by reference to the Exemplification of the Charter and Certified Depositions which accompanied his said Petition would more fully and at large appear That the Petitioner and his Associates under the Peculiar Circumstances of their Situation being thus unfortunately deprived of their Title Deeds under Our Province of New Hampshire most humbly solicited a Confirmation by Our Letters Patent of a Title for the whole of the Lands in the said Tract of Land known by the Name of Stratton except the Public Rights to the Petitioner and his Associates a list of whose Names were to his said Petition annexed under such Limitations Reservations and Restrictions as to Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in his great Wisdom and Justice might seem meet on due Consideration of which said last recited Petition Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief to grant Our Letters Patent for the Tract of Land prayed for to the said Edmund Fanning and his Associates in the Schedule to the said Petition named under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions that the several Shares of the said Tract of Land which by the Grant or Charter from Our Government of New Hampshire were intended for Public Uses be granted in Trust pursuant to the Order of that Board of the said fifteenth day of June that the share or Part of the said Tract formerly alotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire remain Vested in Us And that the whole of the said Tract of Land be Erected into a Township by the Name of Stratton and Vested with the usual Privileges *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within Our said Province have set out for the said Edmund Fanning and his Associates to wit John Moore, William Jauncey, Thomas White, David Mathews, Thomas Barrow, James Barrow, John Woods, John Blagge, Edward Blagge, John Bowles, Francis Panton, Moses Marden, John Fowler, Davis Hunt, Henry Broadwell, Benjamin John Johnston, Malcolm M^{c}Isaac, Ennis Graham, James Shaw, John Kelly, Samuel Avery, John Elliot and Christopher Blundell *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land (except the five Lots hereinafter mentioned) Situate lying and being on the West side of Connecticut River in the County of Cumberland called and known by the Name of Stratton and Beginning[3] at a Beech Tree marked S S 8 standing at the Southwest corner of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Windhall and run-

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 35, p. 83.

Edmund Fanning was an attorney of North Carolina, where he had been a member of the Assembly, Recorder of Deeds and Colonel of the Militia. He married Governor Tryon's daughter and accompanied Tryon to New York as private secretary. He raised a corps of Loyalists called "Kings American Regiment of Foot"; was appointed Surveyor General in 1775. He became Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in 1783; later was Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island for nineteen years. He became a Major General, Lieutenant General and General in the British Army. Died in London in 1818.—N. Y. Colonial Manuscripts, VIII, p. 284; Dictionary of American Biography.

ning thence along the South bounds thereof South eighty degrees East four hundred and eighty chains then South ten degrees West four hundred and eighty chains then North eighty degrees West four hundred and eighty chains and then North ten degrees East four hundred and eighty chains to the Place where this Tract Or Parcel of Land first began Containing Twenty one Thousand nine hundred and forty three Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways including the five Lots hereinafter described and Containing exclusive of the said five Lots Twenty thousand three hundred and eighty three Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways One of which said Lots of Land distinguished by the Name of the first Lot is to remain Vested in Us and begins at the Beech Tree Marked SS ♀ where the said larger Tract begins and runs thence along the North bounds of the said larger Tract South eighty degrees East seventy two chains then South ten degrees West seventy three chains then North Eighty degrees West Seventy two Chains to the West bounds of the said larger Tract and then along the same North ten degrees East seventy three chains to the Place where this first Lot first began Containing five hundred Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways And Also Our said Commissioners have set out to be granted in Trust for the Uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned the following four Lots of Land Parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid that is to say For the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the second Lot and begins in the West bounds of the said larger Tract at the Southwest corner of the above described Lot and runs thence South eighty degrees East fifty eight chains then South ten degrees West fifty eight chains then North eighty degrees West fifty eight chains to the said West Bounds and then along the same North ten degrees East fifty eight chains to the Place where this second Lot first began Containing three hundred and twenty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways for a *Glebe* for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established for the Time being residing on the Lands hereby granted *All* that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the third Lot and begins in the said West Bounds of the larger Tract at the Southwest corner of the last above described Lot and runs thence South eighty degrees East fifty eight chains then South ten degrees West fifty eight chains then North eighty degrees West fifty eight chains to the said West Bounds and then along the same North ten degrees East fifty eight chains to the Place where this third Lot first began Containing three hundred and twenty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways For the first settled *Minister of the Gospel* on the Lands hereby granted All that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fourth Lot and begins in the West bounds of the said larger Tract at the Southwest corner of the last above described Lot and runs thence

South eighty degrees East fifty eight chains then South ten degrees West fifty eight chains then North eighty degrees West fifty eight chains to the said West bounds and then along the same North Ten degrees East fifty eight chains to the Place where this fourth Lot first began Containing three hundred and twenty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways And for the use of a *Schoolmaster* residing on the Lands hereby granted All that certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the Name of the fifth Lot and begins in the said West bounds of the larger Tract at the South West corner of the last above described Lot and runs thence South eighty degrees East thirty two chains then South ten degrees West thirty three chains then North eighty degrees West thirty two chains to the said West bounds and then along the same North ten degrees East thirty three chains to the Place where this fifth Lot first began Containing one hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for highways And in setting out the said larger Tract and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the length of any of them doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the Eighth Day of this Instant Month of August and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province of New York may more fully appear Which said Tract of Twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty three Acres of Land and the usual allowance for highways so set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Edmund Fanning and the other Persons his said Associates their heirs and Assigns for ever (Except as hereinafter is excepted) with the several Powers and Privileges and to and upon the several and respective Use and Uses Trusts Intents and Purposes Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations Exceptions Provisoes and Conditions hereinafter expressed limited declared and Appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively *Know Ye* that of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Edmund Fanning, John Moore, William Jauncey, Thomas White, David Mathews, Thomas Barrow, James Barrow, John Woods, John Blagge, Edward Blagge, John Bowles, Francis Panton, Moses Marden, John Fowler, Davis Hunt, Henry Broadwell, Benjamin John Johnston, Malcom M^{c}Isaac, Ennis Graham, James Shaw, John Kelly, Samuel Avery, John Elliott and Christopher Blundell their heirs and Assigns for ever All that the aforesaid large Tract or parcel of Land set out abutted bounded and described by Our said Commissioners in manner and form as above mentioned (Except thereout as hereinafter is Excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several smaller Tracts or Lots of Land severally and respectively set out by

Our said Commissioners as Parts and Parcels of the same large Tract for the Use of the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts for a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by Law Established for the first settled Minister of the Gospel as aforesaid and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing as aforesaid together with all and singular the Tenements Hereditaments Emoluments and Appurtenances to the same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or appertaining And also all Our Estate Right Title Interest Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever All that the aforesaid certain Lot or Parcel of Land containing Five hundred Acres of Land with the usual Allowance for Highways hereinbefore mentioned to be set apart and remain Vested in Us abutted bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the Name of the first Lot as aforesaid together with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging the same Lot being included within the Bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of Twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty three Acres of Land hereinbefore described and within the Township by these Presents hereinafter Constituted And also Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us Our heirs and Successors for ever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* And also all White or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and Upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us Our heirs and Successors *To have and to hold* all and Singular the said Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them Our Grantees above Named their heirs and Assigns for ever To for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses Trusts intents and purposes hereinafter expressed limited declared and appointed of and concerning the same and every Part and Parcel thereof respectively And to and for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever that is to say

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and concerning All the rest residue and remainder of the said Tract of Land Tenements Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted ratified and confirmed *To have and to hold* one full

and equal twenty fourth Part (the whole into twenty four equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest residue and remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise Appertaining (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them the said Edmund Fanning, John Moore, William Jauncey, Thomas White, David Mathews, Thomas Barrow, James Barrow, John Woods, John Blagge, Edward Blagge, John Bowles, Francis Panton, Moses Marden, John Fowler, Davis Hunt, Henry Broadwell, Benjamin John Johnston, Malcolm M^c^ Isaac, Ennis Graham, James Shaw, John Kelly, Samuel Avery, John Elliot and Christopher Blundell their heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and to or for no other Use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever *All and Singular* the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof *To be holden* of Us Our heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for ever unto Us Our heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York in Our said Province Of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the yearly rent of Two Shillings and six pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned in Lieu and stead of all other Rents Services Dues Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof *And* We do of Our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion create erect and Constitute the said large Tract Containing Twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty three Acres of Land hereinbefore mentioned and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Stratton* for ever hereafter to be called and known

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless *And* We do hereby for Us Our heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this Our present Grant shall be Registered and entered on Record within six months from the date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our said Province of New York in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province of

New York and that in Default thereof this Our present Grant shall be Void and of none effect any thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree that this Our present Grant being Registered Recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against Us Our heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same At Our Fort in Our City of New York the Twenty second day of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy five and of Our Reign the Fifteenth.

WHIPPLEBOROUGH*

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 102-107]

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth. *To all* to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. Whereas Our loving Subjects Daniel Whipple Deceased and his Associates by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our Right trusty and Right well beloved Cousin John Earl of Dunmore then Our Captain General and Governor in Chief of our Province of New York and read in our Council for our said Province on the Eighteenth Day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one, did set forth, That the Petitioner and his Associates had lately discovered that there was a certain Tract of vacant Land wholly vested in us situate in the County of Albany within our Province of New York a little to the Northward of Lands lately Petitioned for by Alexander McLure and his Associates and within Fifteen or Twenty Miles to the Eastward of the Mouth of Otter Creek Containing about Forty thousand Acres of Land with the usual Allowance for Highways, That the Petitioner and his Associates were desirous of making immediate Improvements on the said Tract of Land if they could obtain our Letters Patent for the same And did therefore humbly pray that our said Captain General and Governor in Chief would be favorably pleased by our Letters Patent to grant the above described Tract of Land to

* Circa. present Starksborough and Lincoln.

1. Vol. 28, p. 93.

the Petitioner and his Associates under the Restrictions prescribed by our Royal Instructions and that the same Lands might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges. Which Petition having been afterwards on the seventh Day of June then following again read and referred and afterwards on the same last mentioned Day reported to be Granted if not prior Located, All which Proceedings in our said Council appears by the Indorsements on the Original Petition aforerecited on file in the Secretary's Office for our said Province. *And Whereas* the said Daniel Whipple of the County of Cumberland and his Associates (whose Names were mentioned in a Schedule to their Petition annexed) by their humble Petition[2] presented unto Our trusty and wellbeloved Cadwallader Colden Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, and read in Our Council for our said Province on the second Day of August and on the second Day of September which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy four, reciting the Proceedings aforesaid, did set forth among other Things in Substance, That the Petitioner and his Associates in Consequence of such Application and Advice as aforesaid, did on the Eighteenth Day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, obtain from Our trusty and well beloved William Tryon Esquire our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of New York a Warrant[3] for the Survey of the said Tract of Land and in Pursuance thereof did with much Trouble and at great Expence cause the same to be run out and surveyed and the Minutes thereof to be filed in our Surveyor General's Office for Our said Province as by the said Warrant of Survey and the Return thereof now in the said last mentioned Office more fully might appear; That sometime after the said Warrant of Survey had issued as aforesaid our said Captain General and Governor in Chief William Tryon Esquire received Instructions from Us against the further granting any Lands in our said Province, by which means the said Petitioner and his Associates to their grievous Disappointment were at that Time debarred from suing out a Grant of the said Land for which they had so as aforesaid obtained a Warrant of Survey from our said Captain General and Governor in Chief the said William Tryon Esquire And the Petitioners did therefore humbly Pray that our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief would take their Case into his favorable Consideration and be pleased to Grant them Our Letters Patent for the above Tract of Land in the said Warrant of Survey described under such Regulations, Provisoes and Restrictions as are prescribed by Our Royal Instructions and that the same might be erected into a Township by the Name of Whippleburgh and vested with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships in Our said

2. Vol. 34, p. 61.
3. Vol. 31, p. 21.

Province and it appearing as set forth in the said last recited Petition that the Lands prayed for had heretofore been Advised to be granted and the Equity set forth in the said Petition having been duly considered our said Council for our said Province did humbly advise our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to grant our Letters Patent to the Petitioner and his Associates named in the Schedule annexed to the said Petition for the said Tract of Land prayed for, under the usual Quit Rent, Restrictions and Reservations And that the same might be erected into a Township with the usual Privileges granted to other Townships within our said Province *Provided* that the said Tract did not interfere with any prior Petition or Location. *And Whereas* our loving Subject Samuel Avery in Behalf of himself and the Associates of the said Daniel Whipple by their humble Petition[4] presented unto our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief and read in our Council for our said Province on the seventh Day of April now last past reciting the Proceedings beforementioned did set forth, That in Consequence of the Advice of our said Council beforementioned our Surveyor General for our said Province did make a Return of Survey of the said Tract of Land and our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be Granted within our said Province did by their Certificate bearing Date the thirteenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four set out the said Tract of Land for the said Daniel Whipple and his said Associates, That agreeable thereto Our Letters Patent passed the Office of our Attorney General for our said Province and were engrossed and that nothing remained for perfecting the same but the affixing our Great Seal for our said Province, That the said Daniel Whipple and his said Associates paid all the Fees of Office except those due to our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief and to our said Surveyor General, That while the said intended Grant was in these Circumstances the said Daniel Whipple suddenly died, and that it was therefore become necessary to Substitute another Grantee in his stead And did therefore humbly Pray our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief that the Name of him the said Samuel Avery might be inserted as a Grantee in our said Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land in the Room and Stead of the said Daniel Whipple so as aforesaid Deceased, he the said Samuel Avery entring into Bonds in such Sum as to our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief should appear reasonable, with Condition that he or his Heirs do within a reasonable Time release and convey to the legal Representatives of the said Daniel Whipple such Part of the said Tract of Land as shall be granted to him by our said Letters Patent they the said Representatives first repaying to him their Proportion of all Patent Fees, Costs and Charges that shall or may attend the obtaining our said Letters Patent together with Interest for the same. Which last recited Peti-

4. Vol. 35, p. 58.

tion having been duly considered our Council for our said Province did humbly Advise our said Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief to permit the Name of the said Samuel Avery to be inserted in our Letters Patent for the said Tract of Land in the Place and Stead of the said Daniel Whipple Deceased, He the said Samuel Avery complying with the Terms in the same Petition set forth. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to our said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners appointed for the setting out all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for the said Samuel Avery and for the Associates which were of the said Daniel Whipple Deceased and are mentioned in the Schedule aforesaid, to wit, Richard Morris, Gabriel H Ludlow, Charles Shaw, Peter Goelet, Edward Goold, John Neustead, James Guthrie, John Fowler, Henry Broadwill, Francis Sawyer, John Somerdyke, John Johnson, John Stout, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Garret Peterson, Thomas White, Joseph Hunt, William Arnold, Philip Kissick, George Hopson, Comfort Sands, White Matlock, Peter DeMilt, Thomas Tompkins, John Amory, Petrus Buyvanck, William Parsons, John Parsons, Leake Hunt, Davis Hunt, Richard Lewis, Henry Lewis, Abraham Bogert, Gideon Costang, John Devoore, Joseph Baker, John Hitchcock and Michael Ryer *All* that certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the East side of Lake Champlain in the County of Charlotte *Beginning*[5] at a large Birch Tree standing on the side of a Mountain at the Distance of Twenty miles on an East Course from the Mouth of Otter Creek where it emptieth into Lake Champlain and marked with the Letters and Figures *D W, S A. X X,* and running thence North one hundred and sixty chains; then North fifty Degrees West six hundred and twenty seven chains; then South one thousand and seventy eight chains; then East four hundred and eighty chains; and then North five hundred and fifteen chains to the Place where this Tract first began Containing Forty thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract or Parcel of Land Our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River otherwise than is Conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Hands bearing Date the first Day of May now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for Our said Province may more fully appear. *Which* said Tract of Land set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions We being willing to grant to the said Petitioner and his said Associates their Heirs and Assigns for Ever with the several Privileges and Powers hereinafter mentioned *Know Ye,* That of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion We have given granted ratified

5. Return of survey, with map, vol. 34, p. 108.

Daniel Whipple was High Sheriff of Cumberland County, 1770-1772.—Eastern Vermont, Hall, p. 766; Birthplace of Vermont, Wardner, pp. 151-153; 164; 183.

For note on Samuel Avery, see p. 419 ante.

and confirmed And Do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors given [sic] grant ratify and confirm unto them the said Samuel Avery, Richard Morris, Gabriel H. Ludlow, Charles Shaw, Peter Goelet, Edward Goold, John Neustead, James Guthrie, John Fowler, Henry Broadwill, Francis Sawyer, John Somerdyke, John Johnson, John Stout, John Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Garret Peterson, Thomas White, Joseph Hunt, William Arnold, Philip Kissick, George Hopson, Comfort Sands, White Matlock, Peter Demilt, Thomas Tompkins, John Amory, Petrus Buyvanck, William Parsons, John Parsons, Leake Hunt, Davis Hunt, Richard Lewis, Henry Lewis, Abraham Bogert, Gideon Costang, John Devoore, Joseph Baker, John Hitchcock, and Michael Ryer their Heirs and Assigns for Ever *All* that the Tract or parcel of Land aforesaid set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as abovementioned Together with all and singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining. And also all our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises and every part and parcel thereof And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof. Except and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors for Ever *All* Mines of Gold and Silver And also all white or other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us, Our Heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* one full and equal fortieth Part (the whole into Forty equal Parts to be Divided) of the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every Part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them Our Grantees above mentioned their Heirs and Assigns respectively To their only proper and seperate Use and Behoof respectively for Ever as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants. *To be holden of Us* Our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain. *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for Ever unto Us Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom House in Our City of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly Rent of Two shillings and six Pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving and except for such Part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as abovementioned in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands whatsoever for the hereby granted Lands and Premises or any Part thereof And We do of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion create,

erect and constitute the Tract or Parcel of Land herein granted and every Part and Parcel thereof a Township for ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Whippleburgh* for ever hereafter to be called and known

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Provided further and upon Condition also nevertheless And We do hereby for Us, our Heirs and Successors direct and appoint that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the Date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in our City of New York in our said Province in one of the Books of Patents there remaining and that [a] Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for our said Province and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect any Thing before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. And We do moreover of Our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion consent and agree, That this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed shall be good and effectual in the Law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us, Our Heirs and Successors notwithstanding any misreciting misbounding misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above granted or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises or any Part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have Caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed. *Witness* our said Trusty and Wellbeloved *William Tryon* Esquire Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our said Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same; At our Fort in out City of New York, the twenty eighth Day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, and of our Reign the Sixteenth.

TOPSHAM—A Confirmatory Patent
[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 111-121]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth. *To* all to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting* *Whereas* Our Province of New York in America hath ever since the Grant thereof to James Duke of York been Abutted and bounded to the East in Part by the West Bank or Side of Connecticut River. *And Whereas* of late Years great part of our Said Province lying to the Westward of the Same River hath Never-

theless been Pretended to be Granted by divers Instruments under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire as tho the same lands had then belonged to and were within the bounds and Limits of the said Province of New Hampshire and within the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Government thereof, *And Whereas* among others the Tract of Land by these Presents hereinafter Granted Part of Our said Province of New York as aforesaid hath been so Pretended to be Granted and to be erected into a Township of the said Province of New Hampshire by the name of Topsham. *And Whereas* our loving Subject John Peters Agent for the said Township or Tract of Land commonly called and known by the name of Topsham in Conjunction with Sundry other Persons Agents and Attornies for several other Tracts of Land by their humble Petition[1] presented unto our trusty and Wellbeloved William Tryon Esquire, Our Captain General and Governor in chief of Our Province of New York and read in Our Council for Our same Province on the twenty sixth day of March which was in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy two did set forth That the several Proprietors and Inhabitants whom the said Petitioners respectively represented were Grantees or Purchasors and Settlers within the said Several Tracts of Land under the Government of New Hampshire which formerly claimed and Granted the same by Letters Patent and erected the same into Townships by the respective names in the said Petition mentioned. That Valuable Improvements were made by the Petitioners Constituents in the said several Tracts of Land wherein they had exhausted the greatest part of their Substance, and thereby rendered what was so lately a desolate Wilderness a fruitfull and flourishing part of the Country; That by Our Royal Order in Our Privy Council of the twentieth day of July which was in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty four We were pleased to determine that part of the Country to belong to Our said Province of New York and had Since erected the same into two new Counties by the names of Cumberland and Gloucester and those Counties being properly Organized and the Course of Justice established, The Petitioners were fully Satisfied to remain Subject to our said Government of New York and were only Solicitous of Obtaining a legal Title to their Estates That the Petitioners had used all the means in their power to Procure Confirmations of the said New Hampshire Grants under the Great Seal of Our Said Province of New York and had earnestly and frequently Applied for that Purpose at very great expence and Trouble but that their efforts had hitherto proved unsuccessful. That the Petitioners relying on the Goodness and benevolence of our Said Captain General and Governor in chief did therefore most humbly Pray that Our said Captain General and Governor in chief would be pleased in Consideration of the many and great disadvantages under which the Constituents of the said Petitioners labored to grant their

1. Vol. 31, p. 48.

said Constituents Confirmations of the said Several Townships under the great Seal of Our Province of New York upon the usual Quit rent and reservations, and that if this should then be thought Impracticable that such Proceedings at least might be had on their said Petition as should defeat the Application of Others for those Tracts of Land and render the preference of the Petitioners Constituents to Grants thereof Secure and unquestionable *Which Petition* having been then referred to a Committee of Our Council for Our said Province of New York Our said Council for the same Province did afterwards on the fifteenth day of June then following in Pursuance of the report of the said Committee humbly Advise and Consent that whenever Our Royal Instructions would Permit Grants to be made of the said Tract of Land Our said Captain General and Governor in chief should by our Several Letters Patent Grant to the respective Proprietors thereof under the said Grants of Our Province of New Hampshire and their heirs the said Several Tracts of Land under the Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions prescribed by Our Said Royal Instructions *Except* the share and Proportions thereof formerly Allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire which are to remain vested in Us. That the Several Shares thereof theretofore intended for Public Uses should be granted in Trust as follows that is to say, One such Share for the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, A like Share for a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by law established for the time being residing on the Premises; A like share for the use of the first settled Minister of the Gospel on the said respective Tracts, and one hundred Acres for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the said respective Tracts, and that the said Several Tracts be erected into Townships by the respective Names in the said Petition Particularly Mentioned with the usual Priviledges. *And Whereas* our loving subject Samuel Holland Esquire in behalf of himself and his Associates by their humble Petition[2] presented unto Our said Captain General and Governor in Chief and read in Our Council for Our Said Province of New York on the fourth day of December now last past reciting the Proceedings aforesaid among other things did set forth, That the Petitioner and his Associates by their Agent John Peters in Conjunction with several other Persons Agents for Several Townships formerly Granted by Our Government of New Hampshire did in the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy two Petition Our Said Captain General and Governor in chief for Grants to them or their Principals of the several Tracts of Land in the said Petition Particularly Named. That the Petitioner was ready and willing to Comply with the several Conditions and Restrictions in the said Order of Our Council for Our said Province of New York Mentioned and did therefore humbly pray Our said Captain General and Governor in chief would be favorably pleased to Grant to the Peti-

2. Vol. 35, p. 115.

tioner and his Associates whose Names were to the said Petition Subjoined the Tract or Parcel of Land known by the name of Topsham Situate lying and being in the County of Gloucester, Containing about twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways under the usual Quit Rent, Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions. Which last recited Petition having been duly considered Our Said Council for Our Said Province of New York did on the same fourth day of December humbly Advise Our Said Captain General and Governor in Chief to Grant to the Petitioner and his Associates whose names were Mentioned in a Schedule to the said Petition annexed and their Heirs Our Letters Patent for the Tract of Land in the said Petition discribed and Prayed for, so as not to Contain more than twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land strict Measure under the usual Quit Rent Provisoes Limitations and Restrictions Except the share or Part of the said Tract formerly Allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire which is to remain Vested in us, That the the [sic] several Parts or Shares in the said Tract which by the Grant or Charter from Our Government of New Hampshire were reserved for Public uses be Granted in Trust Pursuant to the said Order of that board of the fifteenth day of June one thousand Seven hundred and seventy two. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to Our Said Royal Instructions Our Commissioners Appointed for the setting out all Lands to be Granted within our said Province of New York have set out for the said Samuel Holland Esquire and his Associates to wit, William Bayard, Robert Bayard, David Mathews, Thomas White, John Abeel, James Abeel, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Joseph Blanchard, John Bowles, Benjamin Garrison, James Ledbetter, Joseph Beck, John Keen, John Lewis, Francis Panton, Thomas Griswold, Joseph Allicocke, Francis Stephens, Dennis Carlton, John Elliot, Adam Gilchrist and Robert Hull *All* that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the West Side of Connecticut River in the County of Gloucester called and known by the Name of Topsham *Beginning*[3] at the Southwesterly Corner of the Township of Newbury[4] which is also the Northwesterly Corner of the Township of Moore Town[5] and the Northeasterly Corner of the Township of Corinth[6] and running thence along the Northerly bounds of the said

3. Return of survey, with map, vol. 35, p. 119.
4. See p. 310 ante.
5. Now Bradford, see p. 128 ante.
6. See p. 292 ante.

On November 13, 1766, James Smith and associates filed a petition for the grant of Topsham, and on November 24 of the same year, Joseph Frost and associates also filed a similar petition. See vol. 22, pp. 60 and 78 respectively. No action appears to have been taken on these petitions.

John Peters of Hebron, Connecticut, settled in Mooretown (Bradford) in 1771, and built the first sawmill in that town. He was a deputy surveyor, Judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and County Clerk for Gloucester County, 1770-1772. He was a member of the party which held the famous session of Gloucester County Court somewhere "in the wilderness" of Kingsland in mid-winter 1771 when unable

Township of Corinth North Sixty six Degrees West four hundred and eighty chains; Thence North twenty Degrees East four hundred and eighty one chains and twenty links; thence South Sixty Six Degrees East four hundred and eighty chains to the Westerly bounds of the aforesaid Township of Newbury; And then along the said Westerly bounds of the said Township of Newbury four hundred and eighty one chains and twenty links to the Place where this Tract or Parcel of Land first began: *Containing* Twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land strict Measure or Twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty two Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways including the five Lotts hereinafter described and Containing exclusive of the said five lotts twenty thousand and five hundred and ninety two Acres of land and the usual Allowance for Highways; One of which said Lotts of Land distinguished by the name of the first Lot is to remain vested in Us; And begins at the Southeasterly Corner of the said larger Tract and running thence along the Southerly bounds of the said larger Tract North Sixty Six Degrees West seventy five chains Thence North twenty Degrees East seventy chains and fifteen links; Thence South Sixty six Degrees East seventy five chains to the Easterly bounds of the said large Tract; And thence along the same seventy Chains and fifteen links to the place where this first Lott began Containing five hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And also Our said Commissioners have set out to be Granted in Trust for the use and Purposes hereinafter mentioned the following four lots of Land parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so set out as aforesaid, that is to say for the use of the *Incorporated* Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the name of the second Lott and Begins in the Southerly bounds of the aforesaid larger Tract at the Southwesterly Corner of the before Mentioned first Lott and runs thence along the Southerly bounds of the said larger Tract North Sixty Six Degrees West thirty seven chains and fifty links Thence North twenty Degrees East Seventy chains and fifteen links; Thence South Sixty Six Degrees East thirty seven chains and fifty links to the Northwesterly Corner of the before Mentioned first Lott, and then along the Westerly bounds of the said first Lott South twenty Degrees West seventy chains and fifteen links to the Place where this Second Lott began Containing two hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *For* a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by law established for the time being residing on the Lands hereby

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to locate the log courthouse. He was Lieutenant Colonel of the Queens Loyal Rangers and served under Burgoyne. After the war he retired to England, where he died in 1788. His property in Vermont was confiscated.—Governor and Council, I, pp. 267-268; Birthplace of Vermont, Wardner, p. 131, 262, 401; Documentary History of New York IV, p. 1033; Eastern Vermont, Hall, pp. 768-769; Biographical Sketches of Loyalists, Sabine. He entered a claim for loss of land in Vermont with the British commissioners—see Audit Office Transcripts, vol. XI, pp. 250-251.

For note on Samuel Holland see p. 295 ante.

Granted *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the name of the third Lott, And begins in the Easterly bounds of the aforesaid larger Tract at the Northeasterly Corner of the before Mentioned first Lot, and runs thence along Part of the Northerly bounds of the said first Lott North Sixty six Degrees West thirty seven chains and fifty links. Thence North twenty Degrees East Seventy chains and fifteen Links; Thence South Sixty Six Degrees East thirty seven chains and fifty links to the Easterly bounds of the said larger Tract and thence along the said Easterly bounds of the said larger Tract seventy chains and fifteen links to the Place where this third Lot began Containing two hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. For the first Settled Minister of the Gospel on the land hereby Granted *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the name of the fourth Lot, and begins in the Northerly bounds of the beforementioned first Lott at the Southwesterly Corner of the beforementioned third Lot, and running thence along the Northerly bounds of the said first Lott North Sixty Six Degrees West thirty seven chains and fifty links to the Northwesterly Corner thereof; Thence North twenty Degrees East Seventy chains and fifteen links; Thence South Sixty Six Degrees East thirty seven chains and fifty links to the Northeasterly Corner of the before Mentioned third Lott, and thence along the Westerly bounds of the said third Lott South twenty Degrees West seventy chains and fifteen links to the Place where this fourth lot began; *Containing* two hundred and fifty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And for* the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Lands hereby Granted *All that* certain Lot or Parcel of Land distinguished by the name of the fifth Lot and begins at the Northwesterly Corner of the beforementioned first Lot, which is also the Northeasterly Corner of the before Mentioned second Lott and the Southwesterly corner of the aforesaid Fourth Lot, and runs thence along the Northerly bounds of the before Mentioned Second Lott North Sixty Six Degrees West thirty seven chains and fifty links to the Northwesterly Corner thereof; Thence North twenty Degrees East twenty eight chains and five links, Thence South Sixty Six Degrees East thirty seven chains and fifty links to the Westerly bounds of the aforesaid fourth Lot, And thence along the said Westerly bounds of the said fourth lot South twenty Degrees West twenty eight chains and five links to the Place where this fifth Lot began. Containing one hundred Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways And in setting out the said large Tract, and the several Lots and Parcels of Land last described, Our said Commissioners have had regard to the Profitable and unprofitable Acres, and have taken care that the length of any of them doth not extend along the banks of any River otherwise than is Conformable to Our said Royal Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their hands bearing date the twentieth day of December now last past and entered on Record in Our Secretary's Office for Our said Province of New York may more fully Appear. *Which* said Tract of twenty one thousand

nine hundred and forty two Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways so Set out as aforesaid according to Our said Royal Instructions, *We* being willing to Grant to the said Samuel Holland and the Other Persons his said Associates their heirs and Assigns forever (except as hereinafter is excepted) with the several Powers and Priviledges and to and upon the Several and respective Use and uses Trusts, Intents and Purposes, Limitations and Appointments and under the several Reservations Exceptions, Provisions and Conditions hereinafter expressed, limited, declared, and Appointed of and Concerning the Same and every part and parcel thereof respectively *Know Ye* That our especial Grace Certain knowledge and meer Motion We have given, granted, ratified and Confirmed And do by these Presents for Us, Our heirs and Successors Give Grant, ratify and Confirm unto them the Said Samuel Holland, William Bayard, Robert Bayard, David Mathews, Thomas White, John Abeel, James Abeel, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Joseph Blanchard, John Bowles, Benjamin Garrison, James Ledbetter, Joseph Beck, John Keen, John Lewis, Francis Panton, Thomas Griswold, Joseph Allicocke, Francis Stephens, Dennis Carlton, John Elliot, Adam Gilchrist and Robert Hull their heirs and Assigns for ever *All* that the Aforesaid large Tract or Parcel of Land set out, abutted bounded and discribed by Our said Commissioners in Manner and form as above mentioned (except thereout as hereinafter is excepted) and including all those the aforementioned several Smaller Tracts or Lotts of Land severally and respectively set out by Our said Commissioners as parts and Parcels of the Same large Tract for the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, For a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by law Established, For the first Settled Minister of the Gospel as aforesaid, And for the use of a Schoolmaster residing as aforesaid, Together with all and Singular the Tenements, Hereditaments, Emoluments and Appurtenances to the Same and every Part and Parcel thereof belonging or Appertaining And also all Our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises hereby Granted and every part and Parcel thereof. And the reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof *Except* and always reserved out of this our Present Grant unto us, Our heirs and Successors for Ever, *All* that the aforesaid certain Lott or Parcell of Land containing five hundred Acres with the usual Allowance for Highways hereinbefore Mentioned to be Set Apart and remain Vested in us, abutted bounded and described as aforesaid and distinguished by the name of the first Lott as aforesaid, *Together* with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging the Same Lot being included within the bounds and Limits of the larger Tract of twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty two Acres of Land hereinbefore described and within the Township by these Presents hereinafter Constituted *And also Except* and Always reserved out of this Our Present

Grant unto us Our heirs and Successors forever *All Mines of Gold and Silver* and also all white or Other Sorts of Pine Trees fit for Masts of Growth of twenty four Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the royal Navy of us, Our heirs and Successors. *To have and to hold* all and Singular the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises by these Presents Granted ratified and confirmed and every part and Parcel thereof with their and every of their Appurtenances (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto them our Grantees above named their heirs and Assigns for Ever. To for and upon the several and respective Use and Uses, Trusts Intents and Purposes hereinafter expressed, limitted declared and Appointed of and concerning the Same and every part and Parcel thereof respectively, And to and for no Other use or Uses, Intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to Say,

[Here follow reservations of the Tracts granted to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for a Glebe for the use of a Minister of the Gospel in Communion with the Church of England as by Law established; for the sole benefit of the first settled Minister in the township, and for the use of a Schoolmaster residing in the township, in substantially the same words as used in the Confirmatory Patent of Brattleborough, page 48, which see.]

And as for and Concerning All the residue and remainder of the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments and Premises hereby Granted, ratified and confirmed *To have and to hold* One full and equal twenty fourth Part (the whole into twenty four equal Parts to be divided) of the said rest residue and remainder and every Part and Parcel thereof with all and every the Appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise Appertaining (Except as is hereinbefore excepted) unto each of them the said Samuel Holland, William Bayard, Robert Bayard, David Mathews, Thomas White, John Abeel, James Abeel, Samuel Wells, Samuel Gale, Joseph Blanchard, John Bowles, Benjamin Garrison, James Ledbetter, Joseph Beck, John Keen, John Lewis, Francis Panton, Thomas Griswold, Joseph Allicocke, Francis Stephens, Dennis Carlton, John Elliot, Adam Gilchrist and Robert Hull their heirs and Assigns respectively To their own proper and Seperate use and behoof respectively for Ever as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants; *And* to and for no other use or Uses Intent or Purpose whatsoever *All and Singular* the said Tract of Land and Premises hereby granted and every Part and Parcel thereof. *To be holden* of Us, Our heirs and Successors in free and Common Socage as of Our Manor of East Greenwich in Our County of Kent within Our Kingdom of Great Britain; *Yielding* rendering and paying therefore Yearly and every Year for Ever unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors at Our Custom house in Our City of New York in our said Province of New York unto Our or their Collector or Receiver General there for the time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commonly called Lady Day the Yearly rent of two shillings and Six pence Sterling for each and every hundred Acres of the above Granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof saving

and except for Such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above Mentioned in lieu and stead of all other rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands, whatsoever for the hereby Granted Lands and Premises or any part thereof. And we do of Our especial grace Certain Knowledge and Meer Motion create erect and constitute the said large Tract, containing Twenty one thousand nine hundred and forty two Acres of Land hereinbefore Mentioned and every part and Parcel thereof a Township for Ever hereafter to be continue and remain and by the Name of *Topsham* for ever hereafter to be called and known.

[Here follow provisions granting powers and authorities to the township; authorizing the election of officers at annual town meetings, granting authority to the officers; method of filling vacancies between annual elections; requirements for settling families and cultivation of the land, and restrictions in cutting pine trees, which are in substantially the same words as used in the Patent of Princetown, page 29, which see.]

Provided further and upon Condition also Nevertheless, And we do for us, Our heirs and Successors direct and Appoint, that this our Present Grant shall be registered and entered on Record within six Months from the date thereof in Our Secretary's Office in Our City of New York in Our Said Province of New York in one of the books of Patents there remaining, and that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in Our Auditors Office in and for Our said Province of New York, and that in Default thereof this Our Present Grant shall be Void and of none Effect anything before in these Presents contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And We do Moreover of Our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion consent and Agree that this Our Present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and Appointed shall be Good and effectual in the law to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes what soever against Us, Our heirs and Successors, Notwithstanding any misreciting, misbounding, misnaming or other Imperfection or Omission of in or in any wise concerning the above Granted or hereby Mentioned or intended to be Granted Lands, Tenements Hereditaments and Premises or any part thereof *In Testimony* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Said Province of New York to be hereunto Affixed *Witness* Our said Trusty and Wellbeloved William Tryon Esquire Our said Captain General and Governor in chief in and over our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. At our Fort in our City of New York the twelfth day of January in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six, And of Our Reign the Sixteenth.

INCOMPLETE CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONERS in re TOWNSHIP OF UNDERHILL, for Confirmation of N. H. title

[N. Y. Land Patents, vol. 17, pp. 131-134]

By his Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in chief in and over the Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same, Andrew Elliot Esquire Receiver General of the said Province, and Edmund Fanning Esquire Surveyor General of the Same Province Commissioners appointed by his Majesty's Instructions for the setting out all lands to be Granted within the Province of New York *To all* to whom these Presents shall come *Greeting Whereas* Frederick Rhinelander in behalf of himself and his Associates, by their humble Petition[1] presented unto his said Excellency William Tryon Esquire Captain General and Governor in chief as aforesaid, and read in his Majesty's Council for the said Province, on the thirteenth day of November last past, did set forth in Substance, That the Petitioner and his Associates were considerably Interested in a Tract of Land Patented under the Great Seal of the Province of New Hampshire in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three by the name of *Underhill* lying on the East Side of Lake Champlain, and on Lamoil River. That the Said Tract of Land now appears to be within this Province. That the Persons who hold Title to the said Tract of land under the said Grant were desirous to be confirmed in the same by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province of New York according to their respective Interests therein; And the Petitioner did therefore humbly Pray, that his said Excellency William Tryon Esquire, Captain General and Governor in chief as aforesaid, would be pleased to Grant to the Said Petitioner and his Associates named in the Schedule to his Petition annexed and their heirs and Assigns the Said Tract of land or Township called Underhill on such terms and Conditions as is usual in the like Case; And that the Same might be incorporated into a Township by the name of [left blank] and Vested with such Priviledges and Immunities as other Townships within this Province On Due Consideration of which Petition, His Majesty's Council for the Said Province did afterwards on the same day humbly Advise and Consent that his said Excellency William Tryon Esquire, Captain General and Governor in chief as aforesaid should by his Majesty's Letters Patent Grant to the said Frederick Rhinelander and his Associates and their heirs, the said Tract of Land by the said Grant from the Government of New Hampshire called Underhill under the usual Quit rent, Provisoes, Limitations and restrictions: *Except* the Share or Part in the said Tract allotted to Benning Wentworth Esquire, which is to remain Vested in the Crown; That the said Tract of Land be erected into a Township by the name of [blank space] and Vested with the usual Priviledges; That the Several Shares of the said Tract which by the said Grant

1. Vol. 35, p. 107.

or Charter were intended for Public Uses should be Granted in Trust as follows, That is to Say, one such share for the use of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts; A like share for a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the church of England as by law established for the time being residing on the Premises; A like share for the use of the first Settled Minister of the Gospel on the Said Tract; And one hundred Acres for the use of a School master residing on the Said Tract. *In Pursuance* whereof and in Obedience to his Majesty's Instructions, We the said Commissioners do hereby certify that we have sett out for the Said Frederick Rhinelander and his Associates to Witt, William Rhinelander, William Rhinelander Junior, Jacob Rhinelander, Philip Rhinelander, Philip Rhinelander Junior, Benjamin Haggit, William Lupton, Charles White, Edward Eastman, Tedeman Hull, John Buxton, Henry Franklin, Joshua Franklin, Charles Doughty, Harrison Palmer, Elijah Cock, Willett Weeks, John White, Joseph Hull, James Mott, John Kirk and Thomas Hawxhurst *All* that Certain Tract or Parcel of Land (except the five lots hereinafter mentioned) Situate lying and being in the County of Charlotte in the Province of New York and on the East Side of Lake Champlain called and known by the name of *Underhill: Beginning*[2] at the distance of one hundred and fifty four chains on a Course South forty nine Degrees East from the North East Corner of a Township Granted to Samuel Wells and Others called Deerfield,[3] from thence running North thirty eight Degrees East in the Southeasterly bounds of a Tract of Land called Westford[4] six Miles; thence South fifty Six Degrees East Six Miles; Thence South thirty eight Degrees West Six Miles; Thence North fifty six Degrees West Six Miles to the Place where this Tract first began: Containing twenty one thousand eight hundred and Seventy Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways, including the five lots hereinafter described, and containing exclusive of the Said five lotts twenty thousand three hundred and twenty Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways: One of which said five lots of land distinguished by the name of the first Lott is to remain Vested in the Crown; And

2. Return of survey, with map, vol. 35, p. 113. This survey was dated November 30, 1775.

3. See p. 237 ante.

4. The petition of William Rhinelander et al, for the township of Westford was granted on the same day that Underhill was granted to Frederick Rhinelander—see Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668-1783, p. 577. No record was made in the Land Patent books.

Under date of November 13, 1775, the petition of Frederick Rhinelander et al for the grant of the township of "Rhineland called Underhill" was granted by the Council. See Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668-1783, p. 577.

It would appear that the patent for Underhill had actually been issued and a record thereof begun, but by reason of some emergency, or order, the record was not completed, as this is the last entry in the Land Patents under the Colonial government, prior to the formation of the new State of New York.

Frederick Rhinelander is listed as a Shopkeeper on January 8, 1771, in Burghers and Freemen, p. 235, N. Y. Historical Society Collections.

begins at the most Northerly Corner of the said larger Tract from thence running South fifty Six Degrees East Seventy two chains and fifty links; Thence South thirty eight Degrees West Seventy two chains and fifty links; Thence North fifty six Degrees West Seventy two chains and fifty links; Thence North thirty eight degrees East seventy two chains and fifty links to the Place where this first lott first Began: Containing five hundred Acres of land and the usual Allowance for highways. And We the said Commissioners do hereby further Certify that We have also Set out to be Granted in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter Mentioned the following four lots of land, parts and Parcels of the said larger Tract so Set out as aforesaid, that is to Say, for the use of the incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts: *All that* Certain Lott or parcel of land distinguished by the name of the Second lott, and begins at the most Easterly Corner of the lott last mentioned and running from thence South thirty eight Degrees West in the Southeast bounds of the said last described lott, thirty three chains; Thence South fifty six Degrees East one hundred chains; Thence North thirty eight Degrees East thirty three chains to the Northeast bounds of the said larger Tract; Thence North fifty Six Degrees West one hundred chains to the Place where this second lott first began: Containing three hundred and fifteen Acres of land and the usual Allowance for Highways. For a Glebe for the use of the Minister of the Gospel in Communion of the Church of England as by law established for the time being residing on the Premises; *All that* certain Lott or Parcel of Land distinguished by the name of the third Lott, and begins at the most Southerly corner of the last described lott, and runs from the said Place of Beginning South thirty eight Degrees West thirty three chains; Thence North fifty six Degrees West one hundred chains; Thence North thirty eight Degrees East thirty three chains to the Southwest bounds of the said last described lott; Thence South fifty Six Degrees East one hundred chains to the Place where this third lott first Began; Containing three hundred and fifteen Acres of land, and the usual Allowance for Highways: For the first Settled minister of the Gospel on the Premises: *All that* certain Lott or Parcel of land distinguished by the name of the fourth lott, and begins at the Most Southerly end of the lott last described; And runs from thence South thirty eight Degrees West thirty three chains; Thence North fifty Six Degrees West one hundred chains; Thence North thirty eight Degrees West thirty three chains to the most Westerly corner of the last described lott; Thence South fifty Six Degrees East one hundred chains to the Place where this fourth lott first began: Containing three hundred and fifteen Acres of land and the usual Allowance for Highways. *And* for the use of a Schoolmaster residing on the Premises: *All* that certain Lott or Parcell of land distinguished by the name of the fifth lott and begins at the most Easterly corner of the lott distinguished by the name of the Second lott, And runs from thence South fifty six Degrees East in the North East bounds

of the said larger Tract thirty two chains and twenty five links; Thence South thirty eight Degrees West thirty two chains and twenty five links; Thence North fifty Six Degrees West thirty two chains, and twenty five links; Thence North thirty eight Degrees East, thirty two chains and twenty five links to the place where this fifth lott first began, Containing one hundred Acres.

ISLE LA MOTTE

[New York Land Patents, vol. 18, pp. 19-21]

The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent: To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: Whereas Bass Chard, Samuel Hatch, William Laurance, William Richardson, Pliny Moore, Stephen Keader, David Culver, Samuel Foster, Shadrach Dotey and John Cammell have, in pursuance of the Second Section of an Act entitled "An Act for Granting certain Lands promised to be Given as Bounty Lands by Laws of this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the 11th day of May 1784[1] obtained from Simeon De Witt Esquire our Surveyor General a Certificate that he is entitled to a certain Tract of Land therein mentioned and described, and which Certificate is in the words and figures following "*Surveyor Generals* Office Albany 14th January 1786—I do hereby certify that Bass Chard, Samuel Hatch, William Laurance, William Richardson, Pliny Moore, Stephen Keader, David Culver, Samuel Foster, Shadrach Dotey and John Cammell, by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act for raising two Regiments for the defence of this State on Bounties of unappropriated Lands" passed March 20th 1781[2], and an Act entitled "An Act for raising Troops to complete the Line of this State in the Service of the United States and the two Regiments to be raised on Bounties of unappropriated Lands and for the further defence of the Frontiers of this State," passed the 23 March 1782[3], and in consequence of a Location made agreable to the said Acts and Certificates properly authenticated lodged in this Office are entitled to that certain Island situate in the County of Washington and lying in the Northern part of Lake Champlain commonly called and known by the name of *Isle la Motte*, *Containing* four thousand eight hundred and eighty three acres of land, and I do farther certify that the same is laid out as nearly in the form of a square as local Circumstances will admit of; that it is not to the best of my Belief and and Information Granted to or located by any other person by virtue of any of the before recited Acts; that it was not occupied or improved by any person on or before the 25th day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two[4], and that it is no part of

1. Chapter 63, Acts of 1784, State of New York.
2. Chapter 32, Acts of 1781, State of New York.
3. Chapter 22, Acts of 1782, State of New York.
4. Sec. III, Chapter 11, Acts of 1782, State of New York.

the Land reserved to the Use of the people of this State Simeon De Witt Surveyor Gen[l]."[5] As by the said Certificate directed "To his Excellency Esquire Governor of the State of New York &c and the Honorable the Commissioners of the Land Office", and filed in our Secretary's Office reference being thereunto had will appear: *And Whereas* no caveat has been entered by any person whatsoever against against [sic] Granting the said Lands, except one by General Moses Hazen in behalf of the Canadian Refugees, which was afterwards withdrawn: *Now therefore* Know Ye that We have Given Granted and Confirmed, and by these presents *Do* Give Grant and Confirm unto the said Bass Chard, Samuel Hatch, William Lawrance, William Richardson, Pliny Moore, Stephen Keader, David Culver, Samuel Foster, Shadrack Dotey and John Cammell their Heirs and assigns all and singular the aforesaid Tract of land or Island in the said Certificate of our said Surveyor General mentioned and described as is herein before particularly recited and set forth with all the appurtenances and privileges to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining: Excepting and Reserving to ourselves all Gold and Silver Mines within the same *To have and to hold* the above Granted premises as a Good and Indefeasible Estate in Fee simple for ever: *On Condition* nevertheless that the said Bass Chard, Samuel Hatch, William Laurance, William Richardson, Pliny Moore, Stephen Keader, David Culver, Samuel Foster, Shadrach Dotey, and John Cammell, their Heirs or Assigns do settle or cause to be settled as many settlers on the said Island in seven Years from the first day of January next after the date hereof as there are six hundred and forty acres within the same, otherwise these our Letters Patent to be void: *In Testimony* whereof We have Caused these our Letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed: *Witness* our Trusty and Well beloved George Clinton, Esquire Governor of our said State General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia and Admiral of the Navy of the Same, at our City of New York the twenty seventh day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, and of our Independence the tenth

Geo: Clinton

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5. This certificate follows the wording of the second paragraph of Chapter 63, Acts of 1784, State of New York.

This was a "Bounty" grant for services of the patentees in the military service of the State of New York during the Revolution. The islands in Lake Champlain were not within the limits of the New Hampshire Grants, so-called. The New Hampshire western boundary claim extended only to the eastern shore of Lake Champlain. [Documents in British Public Record Office, referred to and quoted by M. B. Jones in Vermont in the Making, pp. 37, 54 and 400. Also Chapter 44, Acts of 1782, State of New York.]

Many documents relating to reassignments, transfer of rights, deeds, etc., of lands in Isle La Motte, among the original New York patentees and others, are to be found in the New York Land Papers, vols. 60 and 61.

The island of Isle La Motte was ceded to the State of Vermont in 1790 upon the establishment of the boundary between the states of New York and Vermont.

Approved of by the Commissioners of the Land Office, and passed the Secretary's Office June 27th 1786

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